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Dear IOIBD members, Dear Friends
date: 18 December 2025

Just before the Holiday Season, it is a pleasure to forward this IOIBD Newsletter, highlighting events in the IOIBD community.

Since our latest Newsletter 5 months ago, the executive committee has focussed on the Strategic plan 2030 with 3 additional meetings. We are excited to present the detailed plan during the Business meeting in Porto on Thursday 19th March 2026.

A.1. Annual General IOIBD Meeting 2026: Thursday 19 – Sunday 22 March 2026 in Porto
Satellite meeting: ***Thursday 19 March (08:00-15:00 hrs)***
Faculty and sponsor dinner, Wednesday 18 March 2026
Organisers AGM:
Fernando Magro (chair), Maria Abreu, Paulo Kotze, Laurent Peyrin-Biroulet, Harry Sokol
Organisers Satellite:
James Lindsay (chair) , Ashwin Ananthakrishnan, Jean-Frederic Colombel, Dermot McGovern

The Porto events will have a great attendance as most of the academic members will travel to Portugal in March. Their attendance combined with the corporate representatives, as well as the invited speakers, plus a local group of physicians, and the Stride-III fellows will bring the number of delegates to 160 or 165!
Fernando and his team can't wait to host you in Porto and see you participate in the very exciting scientific and social program.

A.2. FUTURE VENUES
2027
Annual General IOIBD Meeting 202: Thursday 15 – Sunday 18 April 2027 in Oslo, Norway
Satellite meeting: ***Thursday 15 April (08:00-15:00 hrs)***
Faculty and sponsor dinner, Wednesday 14 April 2027
Organisers AGM: *Tom Øresland (chair), Johan Burisch, Jonas Halfvarsson, Marte Lie Høivik, Björn Moum, Pär Myrelid, Morten Vatn.*

2028/2029
During the Business meeting on Thursday 19 March 2026 in Porto, members will have the opportunity to 'pitch' future venues for 2028 and 2029. Be sure to attend and to vote for your favourite destination!

Please block your calendar for the next AGMs

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With this newsletter, we also want to update you on some important deadlines and communicate decisions from our last executive meetings. We have a lot to share with you!

B.1. Strategic plan 2030
The first project initiated by David Rubin is a **strategic plan 2030 for IOIBD**, involving many of the members and focusing on 4 subtopics:
• Structure of the organization
• Membership
• Meetings
• Finances and Legal
Working groups have been established (in 2024) collaborating on these topics and the first meetings took place before the AGM 2025. Full IOIBD membership will be involved in this iterative process, leading to an even stronger organization that is fit for the future. The revision of the mission and vision of IOIBD, in which many of you contributed, are part of this strategic plan.

REVISED VISION STATEMENT

The International Organization for the Study of Inflammatory Bowel Disease will in the next decade lead global efforts to improve the lives of patients with IBD and to advance the scientific understanding of IBD towards prevention and cures.

REVISED MISSION STATEMENT

The International Organization for the Study of Inflammatory Bowel Disease is an international group of clinicians and scientists who strive to advance IBD care, education, and research through global engagement, communication, and collaboration.

PROGRESS
We are on schedule with the timeline below, which is exciting!
Working group proposals JUNE 2025
Virtual voting to full membership; all items in one survey JULY 2025
Results and report at UEG Executive meeting OCTOBER 2025
Plan developing and finetuning, possibly extra round of voting etc.
Presentation final plan AGM 2026 Porto MARCH 2026

B.2. LEGAL STRUCTURE FOR IOIBD
I. The IOIBD Foundation – founded in Sweden in 1997 under the name
Stifelsen for Utbildning och Forsknin avseende Inflammatoriska Tarmsjukdomar (SUFIT)

II. The IOIBD Institute BV (LLC) – founded in The Netherlands in November 2021
100% of the shares are owned by the Foundation

The IOIBD Foundation Chair and Treasurer serve as boardmembers in the IOIBD Institute, along with two Dutch Members.

The IOIBD Institute BV (LLC) focuses on activities to support the mission of the Foundation by initiating projects like the Satellite meeting, cluster meetings, sponsored activities etc.
100% of the BV (LLC) net profit will be transferred to the Foundation.

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B.3. Membership
The IOIBD Nominating committee is formed by the following members:
Iris Dotan (chair), Matthieu Allez, Arthur Kaser, and James Lewis

B.3.a. Update corporate members:
New in 2025: Mirador Therapeutics, Sanofi
Stop membership for 2026: BMS, Boehringer-Ingelheim, Dova health, Galapagos, and Iterative Health

B.3.b. Update physician members:
From the 14 very eligible candidates, the below applications have been accepted for membership. Thanks to all who have nominated and supported other candidates. The quality of applications has been great.

New members for IOIBD in January 2026:

Tine Jess (nominated by Dermot McGovern, Millie Long)
Katsuyoshi Matsuoka (nominated by David Rubin, Stefan Schreiber, Toshifumi Hibi, and Mamoru Watanabe)
Saurabh Mehandru (nominated by JF Colombel, Markus Neurath)
Holm Uhlig (nominated by Dan Turner, Gerhard Rogler, Simon Travis, and Aleixo Muise)

Tine Jess

Kats Matsuoka

Saurabh Mehandru

Holm Uhlig

Welcome to all!! Of course, each will deliver a 'New member' lecture in Porto, March 2026

Deadline to submit applications for new members: 01 September annually!

Academic members who have decided to end their membership for 2026:
Severine Vermeire due to her new role at the University of Leuven
Julian Panes can no longer contribute to IOIBD the way he wants, due to personal circumstances
Jon Rhodes (senior member) discontinues membership as he is no longer active in the IBD field

Members who move from Active to Senior in 2026:
Milan Lukas and Ioannis Koutroubakis

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B.4. Grant programs

The IOIBD Grant Review Committee is formed by the following members:
Gerhard Rogler (chair), Ashwin Ananthakrishnan, Dermot McGovern, and Harry Sokol, plus the members at Large: Ailsa Hart and Mark Silverberg. James Lindsay, Scientific secretary, has also contributed to the review process.
Deadline to submit grant applications is 01 September annually

B.4.1. Operating grant program

From the 13 very eligible applications, the below projects have been granted 50.000 EURO each. Thanks to all who have applied under this grant program. The quality of applications has been great.

1. *Keren M. Rabinowitz/Iris Dotan* (translational/clinical)
Patient derived ex-vivo platforms for precision nutrition in inflammatory bowel diseases: a proof-of-concept translational study
2. *Caroline Nordenvall/ Pär Myrelid, Ailsa Hart* (clinical)
Advanced drug treatment compared with colectomy in patients with UC
3. *Lone Larsen/Tine Jess, JF Colombel, M. Allez, D. McGovern* (clinical)
The IOIBD25-NORD study of the new classification of IBD: a population-based study using the Danish NorDIBD cohort
4. *William Turpin/Mark Silverberg* (translational/basic)
Predicting Gut Barrier Dysfunction from Diet–Microbiome Interactions: A Bayesian Multi-Omics Approach

B.4.1. a. Presentations of operating grant projects

Backlog in presentations

The IOIBD Operating program has changed over the course of the last years by granting more applications per year. This is great news for the candidates as well as science, but it has created a backlog in the number of projects for presentation at our AGM. Therefore, we have asked 14 project teams to send an abstract of their work. From these abstracts, three have been selected to present in Porto and an abstract book will be made available of all abstracts submitted.

B.4.2 Travel grant program

A total of 3 applications under this program and the following projects have been granted 10.000 EURO each:

1. Nuru Noor ➔ Vipul Jairath (Miles Parkes UK)
To develop further skills and formalize a Bayesian statistical analysis plan for the U-ECLIPSE trial
2. Guillaume Le Cosquer ➔ Ashwin Ananthakrishnan
Defining Frailty Specific to Inflammatory Bowel Disease in Older Adults

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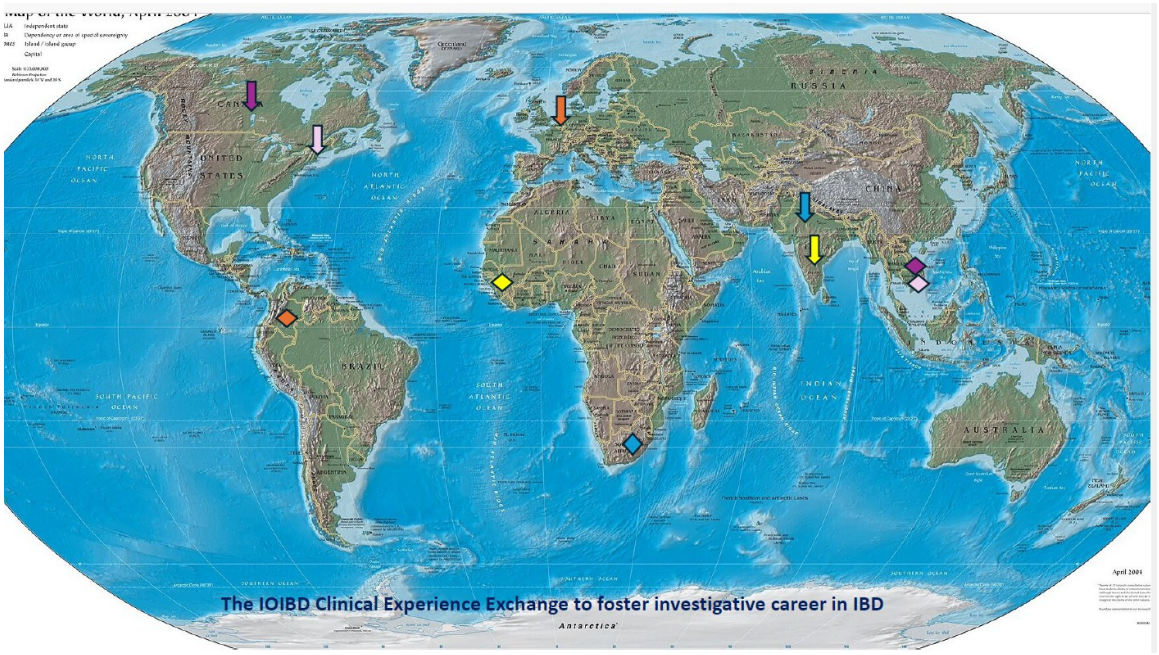
B.4.3. IOIBD Clinical Experience Exchange to foster investigative careers in IBD

This travel grant of 60,000 USD for 1 year training, is supported by The Helmsley Charitable Trust and runs for three years. Due to COVID-19 the startup has been slow, but two candidates have finished their training: **Malambo Mubbunu** from South Africa spent a year with Vineet Ahuja in New Delhi, India. And **Viviana Parra** from Colombia spent a year with Severine Vermeire at the UZ Leuven in Belgium.
Both candidates will join us in Porto to give a short update on their experience.
Other successful connections have been made for **Wasuwit Wanchaitanawong** (Thailand) who is training with Ashwin Ananthakrishnan in Boston, and for **Onuma Sattayalertyanyong** (Thailand) who is training in Winnipeg with Charles Bernstein.



The last two candidates will start in the course of 2025/2026**: Edries Tejan** (Sierra Leone) will train with Rupa Banerjee in Hyderabad.
Our recent announcement for a free spot, has resulted in eight (8) eligible candidates**. The review process will start 15 January 2026**

B.5. Empowering women in IBD Leadership program

EMPOWERING WOMEN IN IBD
An IOIBD Leadership Program
In Collaboration with Pfizer

This exciting leadership program has started! Out of a total of 24 great applications, 9 mentees have been selected and matched to the IOIBD mentors.

The first joint *virtual session* was held on 24th Sept 2025, and the first full group *live session* took place on 4th Oct 2025 during UEGWeek with speaker **Iris Good**.

The program further includes monthly 1:1 mentor mentee sessions, individual coaching sessions for each mentee and two more live sessions; one during ECCO in Stockholm and the final session during DDW in Chicago.
Pre-program surveys have been conducted by mentees and post-session surveys will be conducted.

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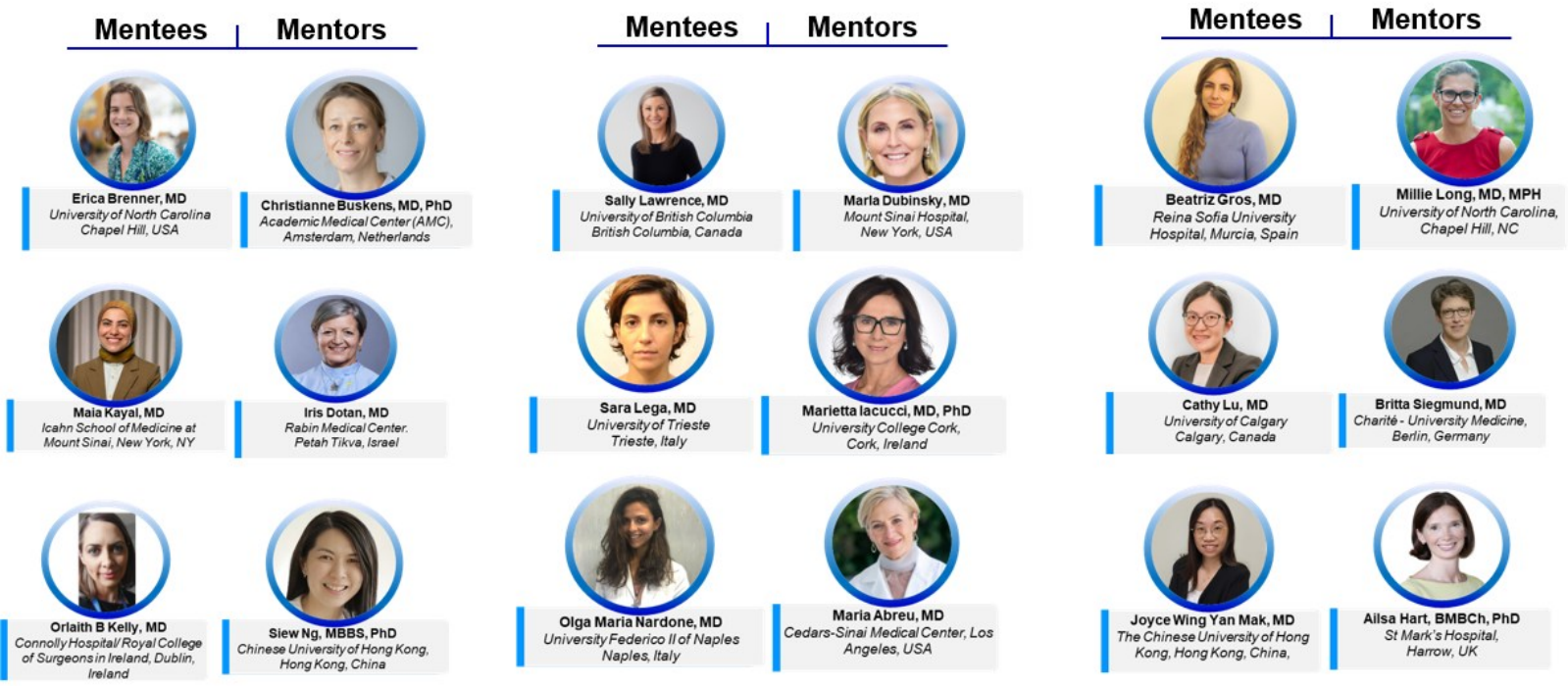
Mentor/Mentee Matching Results



C. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

C.1. IOIBD Surveys

Although we try to minimize this, your input is sometimes asked for Surveys, like the Mild UC Survey recently.

C.2. IOIBD Publication guidelines

Please don't forget to send your IOIBD publication to the dedicated committee before submitting to any journal for publication. This committee is formed by: *Corey Siegel (Chair), Anne Griffiths, Gilaad Kaplan, James Lewis, Gerasimos Mantzaris* and *Jürgen Schölmerich*
The committee has drafted guidelines for publications that can be found on the IOBID site: https://www.ioibd.org/publications

C.3. Vacancy for volunteer role in Executive committee per March 2026 for 2 years.

Mark Silverberg will rotate off, and Ailsa Hart will stay on. Therefore, we are looking for a non-European member to fill this spot. If you are interested to contribute to IOIBD, please contact Marischka at the IOIBD secretariat with your motivation and CV. (ioibd@mkproducties.nl)

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C.4. Website: www.ioibd.org **Login details: your name + password: @ioibdOPT-IN2022**

-> We want to include a **short bio** for all our members on the publicly available part of the website. Please check for example with the profile of *Iris Dotan* and *Maria Abreu*. Send your short bio to Marischka at ioibd@mkproducties.nl

-> Please check your details on the IOIBD website in the section *members* * http://www.ioibd.org/members If you want to *update your picture* or have other alterations, please contact Marischka ioibd@mkproducties.nl

* New member profiles will be included early January 2026

Furthermore, we encourage all members to actively participate in ongoing initiatives and share feedback to enhance the value of our programmes. Your engagement plays a crucial role in shaping future opportunities and strengthening our collaborative efforts within the IOIBD community. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any suggestions or queries regarding the organization's activities.

Dates for the upcoming AGMs:

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

19-22 March 2026 Porto, Portugal
15-18 April 2027, Oslo, Norway

We hope to see you in Porto for the IOIBD Events 2026