

Dear ECCO National Representatives,

On behalf of ECCO I would like to inform you about the following:

1. Call for Nominations of Participants at the 12th IBD Intensive Advanced Course

The **12th ECCO Intensive Advanced Course in IBD** for residents, fellows in gastroenterology and junior faculty will take place in **Copenhagen, Denmark** from **February 19–20, 2014**, just prior to our next congress. We are pleased to inform you that the preliminary programme of this course is already available (see below).

ECCO wants to make this course as attractive as possible for participants. We are therefore limiting the general number of participants from each ECCO Country Member to 2 in order to provide for a more interactive atmosphere. Three seats will be open for countries with a population of over 50 million people (this includes: Italy, France, Germany, Russia, United Kingdom and Turkey).

Minimum criteria for nominees:

- *ECCO Member status (2014)*
- *Trainees at least in their third year with preferably one year of GI experience (- **NOT** for established gastroenterologists)*
- *Should demonstrate a sufficient level of English to follow the course*

Nomination process for candidates from ECCO Country Members:

→ **Candidates who are interested should contact their National Representatives well in advance.**

Participants are selected in their country, by a national system left to the responsibility of the National Representatives of each ECCO Member Country.

The National Representatives submit their nominations with a **CV** (containing full contact details, position and information about hospital affiliation) and a **letter of intent** for each candidate:

Deadline for receipt of nominations from ECCO National Representatives:

September 6, 2013

Nominated candidates will be informed about the status of their application by **the beginning of October 2013**.

Nomination process for candidates from outside of Europe:

As in the past years, 10 seats in total will be again reserved for outside of Europe candidates.

→ **Candidates who are interested can apply directly to the ECCO Office (j.gabriel@ecco-ibd.eu).**

Application deadline is **September 6, 2013**

In order to apply, candidates need to submit

- a **CV** (containing full contact details, position and information about hospital affiliation) and
- a letter of support from a Senior IBD expert.

Participants are selected by representatives of the GB & EduCom on the basis of qualification and country balance.

Nominated candidates will be informed about the status of their application by **the beginning of October 2013**.

To find out more about the 12th IBD Intensive Advanced Course, please click [here](#) to visit the ECCO'14 Copenhagen Congress website.

2. Winner of ECCO National Representative Survey 2012

During the National Representative Survey 2012, you were asked to predict the number of participants at the 8th Congress of ECCO in Vienna. The person who submitted the guess closest to the actual number, would win free congress registration for the 9th Congress of ECCO in Copenhagen.

Now that we have the final number of participants of the 8th Congress of ECCO in Vienna (4515), we would like to congratulate **Herma Fidder** from The Netherlands for submitting the guess closest to the actual numbers (4500) and thus for being the winner of the National Representative Survey 2012!

Congratulations!

3. ECCO National Representative Survey 2013

ECCO would also like to thank all National Representatives who have participated in the National Representative Survey 2013. The results show a very good feedback regarding ECCO's support towards the member countries as well as the performance of the ECCO Governing Board.

We very much value your feedback as this is a good basis for the ECCO Governing Board when making strategic decisions.

Results of the National Representative Survey 2013 will be published in ECCO News issue 3/2013.

If you have not yet submitted your filled in survey, please send it to me (L.hoefler@ecco-ibd.eu) **by Tuesday, May 7, 2013**. Please find the ECCO National Representative Survey 2013 attached.

Thank you!

4. National Country Meetings

As every year, we encourage you to provide us with the most important dates of meetings/congresses held in your country as these events are perfect occasions for you to get active for ECCO. The ECCO Office is happy to provide all kinds of

promotional material on the 9th Congress of ECCO in Copenhagen as well as on ECCO educational activities. Please do not miss this chance – We count on your support!

We look forward to receiving details on national meetings taking place throughout 2013!

Thank you very much for all your efforts and support!

Note: [ECCO'14 Copenhagen Congress](#), Bella Center, February 20-22, 2014