

### NOTICE OF FORTHCOMING SCICOM ELECTIONS

Dear Colleagues in IBD!

Notice is hereby given that the following positions on the ECCO Scientific Committee (SciCom) are open for election:

#### 1 or 2 SciCom Members 2026-2029

#### Tasks and responsibilities of SciCom Members:

To promote scientific activities within the ECCO community by defining clinical and pathogenic research questions relevant to IBD, allocating ECCO Fellowships, Grants and Travel Awards, preparing the scientific programme of the ECCO Congress, contributing to the IBD programme for UEGW and supporting SciCom's initiatives "ECCO Scientific Workshops" & "ECCO CONFER Cases". To support and stimulate scientific interactions within the ECCO Community and beyond, and to interact with all other ECCO committees in order to propose ancillary scientific studies.

By applying, you confirm you have read and agree to the Outline of Responsibilities. Please find it <u>here</u>.

#### **Eligibility:**

Applicants have to be established specialists in the area of IBD who are ECCO Regular Members of good standing (=ECCO Members 2025). However, they cannot apply for a term overlapping with a term of another Committee Member from the same institution.

In the following committees, a candidate can only serve one term: EduCom, SciCom, EpiCom, ClinCom, GuiCom.

Due to interdisciplinary status candidates can also apply for a second term to the following committees given a three-year break: H-ECCO, S-ECCO, P-ECCO, D-ECCO, N-ECCO.

A candidate can only serve on max 2 terms on ECCO Committees (consecutively or with a break in between).

Each Committee may devote 1 position within the Committee to a Non-European ECCO Regular Member. Please note that this candidate may not become Committee Chair nor Governing Board Member. Reimbursements remain at the European level.



#### **Term of office:**

The Committee Membership lasts 3 years, starts at the ECCO'26 Stockholm Congress on February 19, 2026 and ends in 2029.

### **Nomination process:**

A candidate may be proposed by an ECCO Member in good standing or self-nominated. Self-nominations need to be seconded by an ECCO Member in good standing. Forms for nominating candidates can be obtained from the ECCO Office or downloaded from the ECCO Website.

## **Application documents:**

- a nomination form including a seconder
- a 2 page CV
- a list of 10 best publications
- and a letter of intent, explaining the suitability for the position in question.
   Please note that applicants may apply for up to 2 positions in different
   Committees, however, the letter of intent needs to include justification as well as a clear statement of the first and second choice.

#### Please apply <a href="here">here</a>.\*

# Deadline for submission is June 23, 2025

\*Data processing consent and retention: in the online submission process of an application to this call, you agree to the data privacy statement for the above-described project.

If you have trouble logging in, please contact <a href="mailto:ecco@ecco-ibd.eu">ecco@ecco-ibd.eu</a>.

### **Process of election:**

Applicants are ranked on the below listed criteria. The candidates with the lowest (=best) rank will be recommended to the Operational Board and Governing Board for approval with at least one reserve name which is selected by rank order.

Election criteria:

 <u>Achievement</u> in the field of dealing with clinical trials (publications, scientific initiatives).



- <u>Declaration of intent</u> including a statement of the contribution that the candidate is able to make to SciCom.
- <u>Experience</u> (for instance in programme development, project development, clinical trials).
- ECCO fosters diversity of representation. This is why scores are not the
  only consideration of every committee. Other important factors that have
  to be considered during the election process are regional and gender
  diversity, institutional affiliation within the committee, age, the degree to
  which the person will contribute to SciCom tasks, academic expertise,
  team spirit, commitment, familiarity with ECCO, prior contribution to
  ECCO and future potential.

Election takes place during Committee Meetings in autumn. Elected candidates will be informed in due course.

Announcement of new Committee Members takes place during the General Assembly on February 19, 2026 at the ECCO'26 Congress in Stockholm, which is also the official start of term.

Please do not hesitate to contact the ECCO Office in any case of further questions.

We look forward to receiving your application!

With best regards,

**Isabelle Cleynen** SciCom Chair