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3rd N-ECCO School

On February 15, 2012, the 3rd N-ECCO School was held in Barcelona.

The programme ran for the whole day. Thirty nurses nominated by their respective N-ECCO National Representatives from 18 different European countries attended this N-ECCO School, in some cases accompanied by their National Representative.

The day's programme offered a full overview of IBD history. Topics covered were: English terminology for IBD nurses; basics of diagnosis and assessment; and general management in IBD, comprising presentations on "Nutritional aspects in IBD – Children with IBD" and "Nursing roles in IBD management". In addition, two workshops were held, one on Ulcerative Colitis and one on Crohn's Disease.

Our aim was to teach BASIC knowledge in a CLEAR way, with the objective of improving nurse education throughout Europe. This year it seems that our specific goal, "more interaction between nurses and teachers", was achieved. The evaluation forms completed by the nurses afterwards not only provided a very positive overall feedback but showed that they appreciated most the fact that it was an interactive course and the discussions with the speakers. The participants were also highly satisfied with the selection of the speakers, who all presented topics relevant to the nurses' clinical practice.

I want to thank everyone who helped with the realisation of this course. I am especially grateful to the ECCO Governing Board, all the teachers involved in the course, the whole N-ECCO Committee for finalising the programme and Nina Weynandt from the ECCO Office for her help. I also wish to thank EFCCA for their grant and their wonderful promise to continue helping the nurses.

In conclusion, I would say "well done" to everyone involved in the course. We fully achieved our mission based on strong cooperation – and this achievement provides the best motivation and inspiration for setting up the N-ECCO School in 2013 in Vienna.

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