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## ECCO Award Winners 2017

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### ECCO Pioneer Award 2017 – awarded at ECCO'17

**Topic:** *Faecal transplantation using a novel conditioning method for donor and recipient in moderate to severe treatment refractory ulcerative colitis*

- **Lead institution:** Wolfson Medical Center, Holon, Israel
- **Project coordinator:** Arie Levine
- **Participating institutions:** Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center (Israel); Saint-Antoine Hospital, Université Pierre et Marie Curie (France); Catholic University of the Sacred Heart - Fondazione Policlinico Universitario A. Gemelli (Italy); Humanitas (Italy)
- **Participating principal investigators:** Iris Dotan, Nitsan Maharshak, Harry Sokol, Franco Scaldaferri, Silvio Danese

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### ECCO-IOIBD Fellowship 2016 – awarded at ECCO'17

- **Aria Zand (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)**  
**Host institute:** UCLA Center for Inflammatory Bowel Diseases, Los Angeles, USA  
**Title:** Precision Medicine for IBD using advanced machine learning

### ECCO-Vifor Pharma Grant 2016 – awarded at ECCO'17

- **Gionata Fiorino (Milan, Italy)**  
*Efficacy of iron supplementation in patients with Inflammatory Bowel Disease and chronic fatigue*

### ECCO Grants 2016 – awarded at ECCO'17

- **Christianne Buskens (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)**  
*The role of mesorectal macrophages in complications after rectal resection*
- **Marcus Claesson (Cork, Ireland)**  
*Epigenomic stratification of ulcerative colitis – the missing link between intestinal microbiota and host transcriptome*
- **Marco De Andrea (Torino, Italy)**  
*Characterisation and Validation of the Clinical Utility of IFI16-based Markers in IBD*
- **Vasiliki Koliaraki (Vari, Greece)**  
*The role of mesenchymal cells in IBD pathogenesis: focus on mechanisms underlying villous blunting/atrophy*
- **Debby Laukens (Ghent, Belgium)**  
*Tryptophan and fatigue in Inflammatory Bowel Disease*
- **Jelle Matthijssens (Leuven, Belgium)**  
*The human gut virome as marker for anti TNF-alpha therapy success and as therapy target*
- **Salomé S. Pinho (Porto, Portugal)**  
*SWEETEN: Glycans as novel immunomodulators in Inflammatory Bowel Disease*
- **Gordon Ramage (Glasgow, UK)**  
*Intestinal Mycobiome: Unravelling the role of fungal microbiota in paediatric Crohn's disease*
- **Josien Régis (Nantes, France)**  
*To assess the therapeutic value of IL-22BP blockade in Crohn's disease (IL22BPCD)*
- **Bram Verstockt (Leuven, Belgium)**  
*Predicting response to treatment in patients with inflammatory bowel disease*

### N-ECCO Research Grant 2016 – awarded at ECCO'17

- **Wladyslawa Czuber-Dochan (London, UK)**  
*Fatigue in Europe*
- **Dawn Farrell (Cork, Ireland)**  
*Fatigue and physical function in IBD*

### ECCO-AOCC Visiting Travel Grants 2016 – awarded at ECCO'17

- **Harshad Vinay Joshi (Mumbai, India)**  
– Focusing on bowel ultrasound



- **Ren Mao (Guangzhou, China)**
  - Patency capsule and colon capsule protocols and procedures; drug levels assays for Adalimumab and vedolizumab; bio-statistics aspects of the patient-level meta-analysis of biologic drugs in IBD

#### **ECCO Travel Awards 2016 – awarded at ECCO'17**

- **Joline de Groof (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)**
  - Analyses on the appendiceal resection specimens
- **Dana Duricova (Prague, Czech Republic)**
  - Epidemiological research on natural history of IBD in paediatric and elderly-onset IBD issued from a large population-based study
- **Olga Mandic (Belgrade, Serbia)**
- **Simona Radice (Milan, Italy) – N-ECCO**
  - Learning how to provide holistic support to patients
- **Mark Samaan (London, UK)**
  - Current Practices in Ileal Pouch Surveillance for Inflammatory Bowel Disease Patients

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### ECCO Fellowships 2015 – awarded at ECCO'16

- **Ferdinando Bonfiglio (Stockholm, Sweden)**

**Host institute:** BioCruces Health Research Institute, Barakaldo, Spain

**Title:** Post-genomic application in general, and the establishment of computational approaches relevant to translational medicine

- **Jesus Cosin (Valencia, Spain)**

**Host institute:** Universität Zürich, Zürich, Schweiz

**Title:** Hypoxia, autophagy and inflammasome

### ECCO-IOIBD Fellowship 2015 – awarded at ECCO'16

- **Sharon Veenbergen**

**Host institute:** Erasmus MC, Department of Pediatrics, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

**Title:** The interleukin-1 pathway as a putative new target in pediatric inflammatory bowel disease

### ECCO-Nestlé Health Science Nutrition Fellowship 2015 – awarded at ECCO'16

- **Klara Frivolt**

**Host institute:** Dr. von Hauner Children's Hospital, Munich, Germany

**Title:** Nutrition in IBD

### ECCO Grants 2015 – awarded at ECCO'16

- **Ziad Alnabhani (Paris, France)**

- Early microbial exposure and type 3 innate lymphoid cells in the pathogenesis of IBD and their value as therapeutic targets

- **Antony De Buck van Overstraeten (Leuven, Belgium)**

- Prospective trial investigating mechanisms of (functional) recovery of the side-to-side isoperistaltic Stricturep/Asty (SS/S) for stricturing terminal ilea/Crohn's disease

- **Jonathan Digby-Bell (London, United Kingdom)**

- Harnessing functional immune biomarkers to predict response to anti-TNF $\alpha$  therapy in Ulcerative Colitis

- **Glen Doherty (Dublin, Ireland)**

- Strategies for restoring loss of response to Anti-TNF therapy in inflammatory bowel disease

- **Caspar Ohnmacht (Munich, Germany)**

- Human ROR( $\gamma$ t)+ regulatory T cells in IBD

- **Francesca Ronchi (Bern, Switzerland)**

- Microbiota-mediated fine-tuning of the threshold of intestinal inflammasome activation in host-microbial mutualism

- **Jurgita Skiecevičienė (Kaunas, Lithuania)**

- MicroRNA Profiling in Tissues and Primary Intestinal Epithelial Cells of Patients with Active and Inactive Ulcerative Colitis

- **Marianne Spalinger (Zurich, Switzerland)**

- The role for T-cell derived cytokines in the pathogenesis of CD-associated fistulae



- **Donal Tighe (Dublin, Ireland)**
  - Optimal use of immunomodulator and biological therapy in inflammatory bowel disease
- **Andrea van der Meulen (Leiden, The Netherlands)**
  - A multi-center randomized controlled trial on the effect of rehabilitation, e-Health and usual care in IBD patients with peripheral arthralgia

#### **ECCO Travel Awards 2015 – awarded at ECCO'16**

- **Luís Carlos Carvalho Monteiro Lourenço (Lisbon, Portugal)**
  - Focusing on clinical expertise in IBD patient management and endoscopic expertise in chromoendoscopy in CRC screening and therapeutic endoscopy in IBD patients
- **Karin Davidson (Rondebosch, South Africa) – N-ECCO**
  - Learning from the outstanding service at St. Mark's Hospital
- **Borja Hernández-Breijo (Madrid, Spain)**
  - Quantification of therapeutic antibodies against TNF- $\alpha$  in exosomes from serum of patients with Crohn's disease (EXOCROHN PROJECT)
- **Lone Gerd Nielsen (Nyborg, Denmark) – N-ECCO**
  - Improvement of the IBD patient's course
- **Pavol Papay (Vienna, Austria)**
  - Herpes zoster infection in Inflammatory Bowel Disease

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#### **ECCO Fellowships 2015 – awarded at ECCO'15**

- **Christina Mascaraque (Granada, Spain)**

**Host institute:** Humanitas Hospital Research, Milan, Italy  
**Title:** Sphingosine-1-phosphate in IBD: A new bridge between barrier function and intestinal inflammation
- **Carla Felice (Rome, Italy)**

**Host institute:** Centre for Digestive Diseases Blizzard Institute of Cell and Molecular Science, Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, London, United Kingdom  
**Title:** Selective histone deacetylase inhibitors for treatment of Inflammatory Bowel Diseases

#### **ECCO Grants 2015 – awarded at ECCO'15**

- **Manon Wildenberg (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)**
  - The use of benzimidazoles as co-medication for anti-TNF therapy in IBD
- **Janneke Samsom (Rotterdam, The Netherlands)**
  - Identification and characterisation of microbiota specific T cell responses in Crohn's Disease
- **Yael Haberman (Ramat Gan, Israel)**
  - Defining the role of long ncRNA in the pathogenesis of early onset Crohn Disease
- **Turid Hammer (Copenhagen, Denmark)**
  - Inflammatory Bowel Disease in the Faroe Islands
- **Julia Spöndlin Allen (Basel, Switzerland)**
  - The risk of incident rosacea in patients with Ulcerative Colitis and Crohn's Disease
- **Nik Ding (Fitzroy, Australia)**
  - IBD: Metabolomic and microbiomic predictors of response to biologic therapy

- **Giulio Muccioli (Brussels, Belgium)**
  - Study of the effect of the endocannabinoid-derived prostaglandin D2-glycerol ester in colitis
- **Jordi Rimola (Barcelona, Spain)**
  - Clinical impact of hybrid imaging PET-MRE in fibrostenosing Crohn's Disease
- **Anje te Velde (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)**
  - DNA methylation profiles in IBD fibroblasts
- **Gabriella Aviello (Dublin, Ireland)**
  - Role of NADPH oxidase in the maintenance of intestinal homeostasis
- **Vladislav Volarevic (Kragujevac, Serbia)**
  - The role of galectin 3 in acute colitis

#### **ECCO Travel Awards 2015 – awarded at ECCO'15**

- **Maria Jose Garcia (Santander, Spain)**
  - Observership at the department for 3 months
- **Edyta Szymanska (Warsaw, Poland)**
  - Very early forms of IBD - Genetic background, clinical patterns and management
- **Madalina Christina Ilie (Bucharest, Romania)**
  - Role of the gut microbiota in Inflammatory Bowel Disease pathogenesis
- **Steven Bots (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)**
  - Optimisation of treatment for Inflammatory Bowel Disease by point-of-care use of trans-abdominal ultrasound
- **Patricia Geens (Bonheiden, Belgium) - N-ECCO**
  - Learning objectives of the Canadian IBD care unit

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- **Mayur Garg (Boxhill, Australia)**
  - **Host institute:** St. Mark's Hospital, London, United Kingdom
  - **Title:** The effect of vitamin D on the intestinal microbiome in inflammatory bowel disease – DOMINO
- **Konstantinos Papamichail (Athens, Greece)**
  - **Host institute:** University Hospital Leuven, Leuven, Belgium
  - **Title:** Investigating mechanisms underlying primary non response to anti-TNF $\alpha$  therapy in patients with Inflammatory Bowel Disease

### ECCO Grants 2014

- **Colin Adrain (Oeiras, Portugal)**
  - Role of rhomboid-like proteins in intestinal damage and repair
- **Katrine Carlsen (Copenhagen, Denmark)**
  - Patient empowerment in young patients with inflammatory bowel disease by eHealth
- **Marcus Claesson (Cork, Ireland)**
  - Gut microbiota, diet and drug usage in inflammatory bowel diseases
- **Philippe Seksik (Paris, France)**
  - IMpact of Acyl homoserine lactones driven quorum sensing from Gut microbiota in INflammatory bowel diseases (IMAGIN)
- **Zsuzsanna Vegh (Budapest, Hungary)**
  - The validation of the 3-year follow-up period of the 2010 ECCO-EpiCom inception cohort: evaluation of changes in medical strategies and surgery rates and their impact on disease activity and disease course

### ECCO-DigestScience Research Funding 2014

- **Florian Rieder & Claudio Fiocchi (Cleveland, United States)**
  - Gut microbiome induced intestinal fibrosis

### ECCO Travel Awards 2014

- **Jamilya Kaibullayeva (Almaty, Kazakhstan)**
  - Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) including ulcerative colitis (UC) and Crohn's disease (CD) occur with different frequencies around the world
- **Juozas Kupcinskas (Kauans, Lithuania)**
  - Focus on associations between genetic polymorphisms and thiopurine effectiveness and side effects in treatment of IBD patients
- **Carlos Daniel Pinho Fernandes (Gaia, Portugal)**
  - Prospective study to evaluate the role of early imaging findings in Crohn's disease
- **Henny E.J.C. Tomlow (Maastricht, The Netherlands) – N-ECCO**
  - Investigate ways to further improve the care for IBD patients in my own center and to further explore E-health possibilities
- **Marthe Verwey (Leiden, The Netherlands) – N-ECCO**
  - Roles & responsibilities of the nurse practitioner

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- **Nathalie Aoun (Mansourieh El Maten, Lebanon)**
  - **Host institute:** GIGA Research, Liège University
  - **Title:** A systematic comparison of genes expression in the small intestine, the colon and immune cells of healthy smokers and non smokers, with a focus on genes associated with IBD: a throughout study of the role of smoking in the pathogenesis of these diseases
- **Markus Tschurtschenthaler (Innsbruck, Austria)**
  - **Host institute:** University of Cambridge, Addenbroke's Hospital
  - **Title:** Deciphering a paternal transmission of epigenetic marks to the aetiopathogenesis of inflammatory bowel diseases

### ECCO Grants 2013

- **Isabelle Cleynen (Leuven, Belgium)**
  - Functional characterization of Zonulin, a positive regulator of intestinal epithelial permeability, in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)
- **Sheena Cruickshank (Manchester, United Kingdom)**
  - Controlling the Balance of Immunity in Colitis: Investigating the Roles of Intestinal Microbiota and Dendritic Cell Migration
- **Silvia D'Alessio (Milan, Italy)**
  - The role of Prep-1 in IBD pathogenesis: implicationS for novel therapeutic approaches
- **Marie-Alice Meuwis (Liège, Belgium)**
  - Proteomics biomarkers discovery for the prediction of mucosal healing and risk of relapse in Crohn's Disease
- **Maikel Peppelenbosch (Rotterdam, The Netherlands)**
  - Transgenic nematodes (*Trichuris suis*) as a novel therapeutic avenue for treating of intestinal inflammatory disease

### ECCO Travel Awards 2013

- **Francesco Colombo (Milan, Italy)**
  - Restorative procto-colectomy in the elderly: A prospective multicenter comparative trial on safety and efficacy
- **Kristina Gecse (Szeged, Hungary)**
  - Development of a visual tool that allows rapid review of IBD patients` phenotype, surgical and medical history.
- **Iago Rodriguez Lago (Pamplona, Spain)**
  - Clinical attachment in the Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Unit at John Radcliffe Hospital (Oxford, United Kingdom)



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### ECCO Fellowships 2012

- **Timon Eric Adolph (Innsbruck, Austria)**
  - **Host institute:** University of Cambridge, United Kingdom
  - **Title:** Endoplasmatic reticulum stress and autophagy converge in the NF-KB signalling pathway
- **Jessica Claire Wilson (Belfast, Northern Ireland)**
  - **Host institute:** University Hospital Basel, Switzerland
  - **Title:** An epidemiological study on the natural history of patients with inflammatory bowel disease

### ECCO Grants 2012

- **Johan Burisch (Herlev, Denmark)**
  - New inception cohort in Europe: Is there an east-west-gradient in IBD?
- **Colin de Haar (Rotterdam, The Netherlands)**
  - Is defective resolution of inflammation involved in IBD pathogenesis?
- **Marc Ferrante (Leuven, Belgium)**
  - Influence of microbiota on intestinal stem cell behaviour and differentiation in patients with inflammatory bowel diseases
- **Tim Raine (Cambridge, United Kingdom)**
  - Immunophenotyping of atypical lymphocytes in human bowel in the context of genetic risk for IBD
- **Harry Sokol (Paris, France)**
  - Role of Card9 in IBD pathogenesis and intestinal homeostasis

### ECCO Travel Awards 2012

- **Mark Loewenberg (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)**

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- **Bénédicte Brounais-Le Royer (Nantes, France)**
  - **Host institute:** Geneva University Hospital, Geneva, Switzerland
  - **Title:** Effects of interleukin-15 inhibition on skeletal alterations in inflammatory bowel disease
- **Lael Werner (Tel Aviv, Israel)**
  - **Host institute:** Charite, Berlin, Germany
  - **Title:** Notch in the pathophysiology of Crohn's disease and Ulcerative colitis: A possible link to therapeutic TNF $\alpha$  inhibition

### ECCO Grants 2011

- **Arie Levine (Holon, Israel)**
  - GROWTH Study: Factors predicting relapse and adverse outcomes early in the disease in newly diagnosed pediatric Crohn's disease - a prospective, multi-center prognostication study by The ESPGHAN Porto group
- **Catherine Reenaers (Liege, Belgium)**
  - Investigation of autophagy pathway defects in innate immune cells in Crohn's disease
- **Franco Scaldaferrri (Rome, Italy)**
  - The role of adipose tissue-derived mesenchymal stem cells in chronic colitis and colitis driven-colon cancer progression
- **Stefanie Vetrano (Rozzano/Milan, Italy)**
  - The role of Chemerin /ChemR23 axis in the pathogenesis of IBD

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- **Daniela Petrova Stoyanova (Sofia, Bulgaria)**
  - Complex approach to patients with complicated course of inflammatory bowel disease; Noninvasive methods for follow-up of postoperative Crohn's disease

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- **Emanuela Sala (Rozzano, Italy)**
  - **Host institute:** IDIBAPS - Institut D'Investigacions Biomediques, Barcelona, Spain
  - **Title:** Molecular determinations of homing of stem cells in IBD
- **Caterina Strisciuglio (Naples, Italy)**
  - **Host institute:** Leiden University Medical Center, Leiden, The Netherlands
  - **Title:** Autophagy in immune cell-cell interactions in the gut

### ECCO Grants 2010

- **Gwo-Tzer Ho (Edinburgh, UK)**
  - Modulating primary intestinal epithelial defence and immune response in inflammatory bowel disease - development of an integrated inducible epithelial gene transfer and expression system
- **Michel Maillard (Lausanne, Switzerland)**
  - Modulation of gut immune homeostasis via the Toll-interacting protein (Tollip)
- **Yoav Mazor (Haifa, Israel)**
  - Matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs) and ADAMs in IBD
- **Michael Scharl (Zurich, Switzerland)**
  - The role of Protein tyrosine phosphatase N2 in the regulation of cytokine-induced apoptosis in the intestinal epithelium

### ECCO Travel Awards 2010

- **Maza Itay (Haifa, Israel)**
  - Purpose and time of visit: one week visit, to observe and study IBD biobanking
- **Ana Maria Catuneanu (Bucharest, Romania)**
  - Training Stay - Oxford
- **Zoran Milenkovic (Belgrade, Serbia)**
  - Training Stay - Lille

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### ECCO Fellowships 2009

- **Francesca Fava (Reading, UK)**
  - **Host institute:** Istituto Clinico Humanitas-IRCCS in Gastroenterology, Milan, Italy
  - **Title:** Measuring the impact of anti-tumour necrosis factor-alpha (TNF- $\alpha$ ) treatment on the faecal microbiota in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)

### ECCO Grants 2009

- **Sofia Maria Buonocore (Oxford, UK)**
  - Identification of IL-23 dependent effector pathways in colitis
- **Jan Wehkamp (Stuttgart, Germany)**
  - WNT transcription factor Tcf-1 and its role in protective innate immunity in inflammatory bowel diseases
- **Stefania Vetrano (Milan, Italy)**
  - The protein C pathway in inflammatory bowel disease: a novel mediator of cross-talk between dendritic and epithelial cells
- **Maria Papp (Debrecen, Hungary)**
  - The possible role of von Willebrand factor and its cleaving protease (ADAMTS-13) in the vascular pathogenesis of inflammatory bowel disease
- **Margarita Elkjaer (Herlev, Denmark)**
  - Virtual Hospital System in IBD: Patient centred monitoring and web-guided therapy with 5-ASA in ulcerative colitis "Constant-care": Impact on quality of life and cost benefit

### ECCO Travel Awards 2009

- **Michael dam Jensen**
  - The impact of wireless capsule endoscopy on clinical decision-making in suspected and known Crohn's disease
- **Joana Maria Tinoco da Silva Torres**
  - Training Stay - Lille
- **Annalisa Crudeli**
  - Training Stay - Lille
- **Davide Checchin**
  - Training Stay - Oxford

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## ECCO Award Winners 2008

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### ECCO Fellowships 2008

- **Alessia Grillo (Padua, Italy)**
  - **Host institute:** University of Bristol Department of Clinical Science, South Bristol, UK
  - **Title:** Role of  $\beta$ -catenin signalling in primary subepithelial myofibroblasts of Crohn's disease

### ECCO Grants 2008

- **Silvio Danese (Rozzano, Italy)**
  - The role of lymphangiogenesis in IBD pathogenesis
- **Richard Day (London, UK)**
  - Assessment of Bioactive Microspheres as a Prospective Novel Treatment for Fistulae
- **Holm Uhlig (Leipzig, Germany)**
  - Immunosuppressive drugs and Foxp3+ regulatory T cell activity in inflammatory bowel disease
- **Christian Jakobsen (Hvidovre, Denmark)**
  - Genotype-Phenotype interactions in Danish Paediatric IBD Patients
- **Fraser Cummings (Oxford, UK)**
  - Biological markers to predict the outcome of acute severe ulcerative colitis
- **Nikolaus Pedarnig (Vienna, Austria)**
  - European-wide Validation of the Web-based Documentation Standard IBDIS by Inter-observer Analysis

### ECCO Travel Awards 2008

- **Cesare Ruffolo (Padova, Italy)**
  - Training Stay - Leuven
- **Andrea Cassinotti (Milan, Italy)**
  - Training Stay - Oxford