**ECCO CALL for participation in the ECCO Topical Review on Clinicopathological Spectrum & Differential Diagnosis of Inflammatory Bowel Disease including Special Feature on Iatrogenic Mimics 2020-2021**

**Context:**
A wide range of iatrogenic gut injuries caused by common medications, new immunomodulators, radiotherapy, or surgery can imitate the clinical presentation and histomorphological features of chronic inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and other enteropathic disorders. This may present a challenge for clinicians and histopathologists diagnosing new IBD. This comprehensive review will outline the clinicopathological spectrum and differential diagnosis of IBD including well known classical mimics i.e. infections, diverticulosis, autoimmune disease, intestinal motility disorders, neoplastic disorders and the many types of iatrogenic injury. The review will also include an update on features of new era immunomodulators, namely the checkpoint inhibitors commonly used in solid organ malignancies, and will highlight morphological pointers and ancillary laboratory & molecular diagnostic techniques which may be helpful in distinguishing these entities from IBD.

**Aim of the project:**
The lack of solid evidence and controversial data in multiple areas of this topic will be addressed by a high proportion of ‘expert opinion’ in this Topical Review:

(1) by clearly pointing out ‘opinion’ versus ‘evidence’;
(2) by using the rigorous standards and protocols comparable to the ones used for the ECCO Clinical Guidelines process - however summarised in the form of a Topical Review instead of a Clinical Guideline.

Workgroups prepare core messages as “Current Practice Positions” which will be discussed and voted on in a plenary meeting to achieve consensus. After the final vote on the “Current Practice Positions”, the full manuscript is finalised and published in the *Journal of Crohn’s and Colitis* (JCC).

To facilitate the Consensus process, **the ECCO participants will be selected for the Workgroups of this Topical Review on the basis of applications to this call.**

**Seats for Y-ECCO Members are reserved and they are encouraged to apply** with an opportunity to be in charge of the systematic bibliographic review and further development of e-Learning material.

**If you are:**
- an ECCO Member (in good standing – 2020/2021 membership)
- and are interested in joining one of the Workgroups for this project
- able to commit to a mandatory consensus meeting in February 2021 (exact dates and schedule TBC)
Please send an e-mail to d.ramankulov@ecco-ibd.eu detailing:
- your name and affiliations;
- and a short (max. 10 lines) profile of yourself as an expert in the field.

**Deadline for submissions: August 7, 2020**

*Data processing consent and retention:*
By applying you agree to the data processing for the above described project:
ECCO Office stores applicants’ personal data of this application for the project timeframe. You have the right to object at any time at ecco@ecco-ibd.eu.
ECCO Office will delete data securely after the end of this project.

Following topics & questions will be addressed in the following Working Groups:

**WG1:** Detailed differential diagnosis of IBD

**WG2:** Clinical presentation of differentials including new era immunomodulators

**WG3:** Microscopic features of these entities mimicking IBD with morphological pointers that are helpful in differential diagnosis

**WG4:** Update on new & established ancillary diagnostic techniques for the differential diagnosis of IBD

**ECCO is looking forward to your application!**