



Country: Italy
Group: Italian Group for the Study of IBD

Active members in 2016: 223 (89 Under 35)

Secretary: Fernando Rizzello

Board Committee: Alessandro Armuzzi, Filippo Mocchiari, Maria Beatrice Principi, Antonio Rispo, Angelo Viscido

Scientific Committee: Flavio Caprioli, Ambrogio Orlando, Antonio Di Sabatino, Massimo C. Fantini, Fiorino Gionata

Educational Committee: Marco Daperno, Claudio Papi

The IG-IBD was founded on June 21st 2005

IG-IBD is one of the ECCO partners since 2008

The members of IG-IBD are healthcare professionals, and scientists interested in IBD. To become a member of the association he/she must be proposed by an active member. The Governing Committee shall elect a Secretary and educational and scientific committees. The Governing Committee in association with Scientific and Educational Committees organize conferences, meetings and educational activities of the association.

The mission of the IG-IBD is and will be to promote the health of people with IBD in Italy by setting the direction for patient care, education and research. ECCO helps IG-IBD maintaining collaboration between clinicians and scientists, encouraging scientific and clinical development with grants to support clinical and basic researches. Furthermore, IG-IBD uses ECCO for update, conventions, guidelines and to keep alive the interest in scientific research in IBD.

Some members of IG-IBD are involved in the activities of ECCO (President-Elect: Silvio Danese, Honorary Member: Renzo Caprilli, EduCom Member: Giovanni Maconi, S-ECCO: Antonino Spinelli, ClinCom: Alessandro Armuzzi, GuiCom: Gionata Fiorino, P-ECCO: Salvatore Cucchiara, EpiCom: Vito Annese, H-ECCO Vincenzo Villanacci.

Several members of IG-IBD are involved in ECCO-Guidelines.



the Italian Group for the study of
Inflammatory Bowel Disease

The IG-IBD acts as a forum for developing scientific ideas related to IBD. This includes:

- Clinical and therapeutic multicenter trials
- Clinical studies on natural history of IBD
- Exploring novel therapeutic strategies
- Translational science

All Italian IBD centers (95 centers) are involved to create patient database

Ongoing projects and principal investigator (PI):

REALADA-UC (PI: Marco Daperno)

RIDART Study (PI: Antonio Di Sabatino)

Red Flags 02 (PI: Gionata Fiorino)

GORE-UC (PI: Daniela Pugliese)

Published articles and guidelines in 2016-2017:

oSaibeni S, et al. P652 Unmet needs of physicians managing inflammatory bowel disease. A Survey of the Italian Group for Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IG-IBD). J Crohns Colitis. 2017;11(suppl_1):S413.

oSaibeni S, et al. P574 Limitations and difficulties in using anti-TNF-alpha agents in inflammatory bowel disease. A

o survey of the Italian Group for Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IG-IBD). J Crohns Colitis. 2017;11(suppl_1):S372-S373.

oGionchetti P, et al. Use of corticosteroids and immunosuppressive drugs in inflammatory bowel disease: clinical practice guidelines of the Italian Group for the Study of Inflammatory Bowel Disease. Dig Liver Dis. 2017 Jan 17 [Epub ahead of print]

oBiancone L, et al. Safety of treatments for inflammatory bowel disease: Clinical practice guidelines of the Italian Group for the Study of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IG-IBD). Dig Liver Dis. 2017 Jan 17 [Epub ahead of print].

oFries W, et al. Disease patterns in late-onset ulcerative colitis: Results from the IG-IBD "AGED study". Dig Liver Dis. 2017;49(1):17-23.

oBiancone L, et al. Phenotype as Risk Factor for Cancer in a Prospective Multicentre Nested Case-Control IG-IBD Study. J Crohns Colitis. 2016;10(8):913-24.

Grants are provided for innovative start-up projects and are given to young scientists who are involved in IBD (13 ongoing Grants)

Meetings per year:

National conference every 2 years (Palermo-December 2015)

Conference on specific IBD topic every 2 years (Treat to Target in IBD: lights and shadows – Lido di Camaiore (LU) November-2016)

Italian educational workshops in 2016:

• IG-IBD Advanced Imaging in IBD (Milan-January 2016)

• IBDEndo (Turin-January 2016)

• DISC (Lido di Camaiore (LU)-February 2016, Milan-March 2016)

• 4control Monitoring in IBD (Bologna-June 2016, Naples-September 2016, Rome-October 2016)

• Clinic-Pathologist meeting on IBD (Palermo-November 2016, Naples-November 2016)

• Enhancing Treatment success in ulcerative colitis (Bari-Milan-Rome June 2016)

• Sliding Doors (Palermo-September 2016, Rome-November 2016, Padua-November 2016)

European educational workshops in 2016:

• Tri-National Advanced Residential Course on Inflammatory Bowel Disease (Spain-June 2016)

• IV International Meeting IBD and BEYOND. Italian and European experiences come across: IBD and beyond (Turin-September 2016)