



## Newsletter No 1/2018

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Dear GENIEUR partners and followers,

With great pleasure we share the latest news of GENIEUR:

- GENIEUR will be further supported by the ESNM until 2020 ( see new logo above)
- The GENIEUR *Major Outcome Brochure* combined with publications was distributed at the FNM2018 in Amsterdam and is available on the GENIEUR website
- Three further Short Term Scientific Missions (STSMs) published outcomes: [Keszthelyi et al. 2018](#), *Eur J Pain* (Grantee: Daniel Keszthelyi, Maastricht (NL); Host: Qasim Aziz, London (UK)); [Popa et al. 2018](#), *WJMA* (Grantee: Stefan Popa, Cluj-Napoca (RO); Host: Javier Santos Barcelona (ES)), [Pohl et al., 2018](#) *Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol* (Grantee: Daniel Pohl, Zürich (CH); Host: Magnus Simrén, Gothenburg (SE) and Lukas van Oudenhove, Leuven (BE)) – **to date 5 /20 STSMs have been published**  
**\*\*\*Just a little reminder to those of you who received an STSM grant: Please remember to acknowledge COST for support of your STSM in any publications based/initiated by a STSM\*\*\***
- Four manuscripts on collaborative projects of GENIEUR partners are in preparation, data of which were recently presented at national and international meetings
- Beate Niesler and colleagues from GENIEUR published a comment in the September issue of [Lancet G&H reporting on funding disparities within the EU on neurogastroenterology/IBS](#) that was accompanied by a very supportive [editorial](#)
- The GENIEUR leaflet in lay language (available in 18 national languages) will shortly be distributed to GENIEUR members for lobbying. We will ask you for support on this in due time.
- The GENIEUR initiated [UEG LINK Award Project 'Help EU in IBS'](#) in which groups from the Netherlands, Germany, Norway, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Malta were engaged in the translation and validation of questionnaires of the GENIEUR deep phenotyping protocol, was successfully finished and had its final meeting in Malta in April 2018. A manuscript wrapping up recommendations how to do this in other national languages is in preparation.
- A GENIEUR symposium was held at FNM2018:
- An update on genetics and epigenetics collaborations within GENIEUR was given by Beate Niesler, Heidelberg (DE).
- The progress on the microbiota pilot study was reported by Lisa Vork (Maastricht, Netherlands),
- Ad Masclee from Maastricht (NL) reported on the outcome of the LINK Award project and shared his experience in successfully lobbying for IBS in the Netherlands which resulted in an IBS specific research, education and training programme in the Netherlands.
- Dan Dumitrascu from Cluj-Napoca (RO) shared the idea born during the neurogastro in Iasi (RO) to establish a **new COST Action European Network on cross-cultural differences in IBS**. His team is working on this.
- The next GENIEUR Meeting will take place at the neuroGASTRO 2019 in Lisbon, Portugal



We are looking forward to our future collaborations and hope to see you again in Lisbon.

With kind regards,

Beate Niesler and Magnus Simrén



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This [newsletter](#) can also be found on our website and the GENIEUR Meeting presentations are available in the GENIEUR repository.