

## **Newsletter 2019**

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Dear GENIEUR partners and followers,

With great pleasure we share the latest news: a GENIEUR symposium was held at the neuroGASTRO2019 in Lisbon. Beate Niesler, Heidelberg (DE) reported on current collaborations within GENIEUR. Since 2016, **12 publications were generated: 4 reviews, 5 STSM based Original Articles and 3 Original Articles of collaborative projects were published from GENIEUR partners**; 6 manuscripts are in preparation data of which were recently presented at national and international meetings. This is a remarkable achievement, especially, since for none of these studies funding has been available and people were doing this based on their intrinsic motivation.

Dan Dumitrascu from Cluj-Napoca (RO) gave an update on the **new COST Action application *European Network on cross-cultural differences in IBS***. The COST Action proposal was rejected in May 2019 and re-submitted in early September 2019 - let's keep our fingers crossed for a successful evaluation.

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, is currently wrapped up as a blueprint for others and will be submitted to the UEG Journal.

Regarding funding on EU level we can conclude, raising awareness about the bad funding situation in our *Lancet G&H* commentary in 2018 as well as being persistent paid off: we are happy to share that finally, the fifth H2020 proposal was accepted for funding and will kick-off in 2020 (coordinator is Javier Santos, Barcelona (ES)): DISCOVERIE (Development, diagnosis and prevention of gender-related Somatic and mental Comorbidities in irritable bowel syndrome in Europe). Owing to this, GENIEUR was now picked for a success story by the COST program.

As you are aware, GENIEUR is doing lobbying for IBS research and increasing awareness about this devastating disorder. The GENIEUR leaflet in lay language (in 19 national languages) was distributed to GENIEUR members for lobbying.

We also produced a GENIEUR lobbying clip together with *grasshopper kreativ* with 18 subtitle versions. Our clip is available on the GENIEUR website. We would herewith like to THANK all of you who supported us in the translations be it for the patient leaflets or the subtitles of the video clip.

Since it is still tough to get funding for IBS research we decided to change gear and start to raise funds for our research via our website. Therefore, we implemented a donation button. Please spread the word and share the hyperlink to our website: [www.GENIEUR.eu](http://www.GENIEUR.eu) - Let's see how that works out and make that fly!

The next GENIEUR Meeting will take place at the UEGW2020 in Amsterdam in October 2020.

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

***Merry Christmas and all the best wishes for the New Year!***

With kind regards,

Beate Niesler and Magnus Simrén

**Chair and Co-Chair of GENIEUR**

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

