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Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure to address you with our call for applications for the UEG Research Prize 2020

Every year, UEG awards € 100,000 for excellence in basic science, translational or clinical research in the areas of gastroenterology, hepatology and related disciplines. The prize addresses active, well-established researchers whose science has had or will have crucial impact on digestive health. The prize is designated to support a future scientific research project from early stage to successful conclusion. Please find all details on criteria and election process as well as your application form online. Application deadline is March 31, 2020.

The UEG Research Prize will be awarded during the Opening Session of UEG Week Amsterdam 2020 on Monday, October 12, 2020 and the winning project will be presented briefly on this occasion. Watch the presentation by Silvio Danese who received the distinguished UEG Research Prize last year, for his outstanding project "The gut virome as a trigger for IBD: from metagenomics to pathogenesis". UEG is looking forward to receiving your application!

Research in digestive health is crucial. Gastrointestinal diseases remain one of the most common reasons for morbidity and hospitalisation in Europe and are, due to demographic changes, still on the rise. Many digestive diseases remain poorly understood and, in relation to their substantial prevalence and global impact, attract insufficient attention from a policy and funding perspective.

UEG encourages innovation and excellence in research by supporting research facilitation and cooperation in the field of digestive health.

The UEG Research Committee will concentrate on **analysing the socioeconomic burden of digestive disease and on identifying relevant research gaps** in the field of digestive health. In collaboration with the UEG Public Affairs Committee, it will advocate these findings to Brussels' decision makers, to stimulate funding for digestive health research in Horizon Europe, the future EU Framework Programmes for Research and Innovation.

Furthermore, the UEG Research Committee is committed to inspire and connect researchers in gastroenterology. We invite you to join the **UEG Researchers Network**, a new platform for exchange on EU funded research in digestive health.

UEG also provides **Horizon 2020 Application Support**, to provide money for pan-European consortium forming initiatives in the exploratory phase of applications to Horizon 2020 funding via simple, competitive grants (investing up to € 10,000 per consortium). Applications are considered on a rolling basis, to cater the various EU submission deadlines.

Visit our website at www.ueg.eu/research to learn more about the various support initiatives for GI researchers!



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