



**BIRD**

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BOWEL DISEASE RESEARCH  
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Dear BIRD and BINAstoria members,

We hereby wish to invite you to both the **general and an extraordinary general assembly** on the **28<sup>th</sup> of May 2024** at the **Officenter Zaventem** (Leuvensesteenweg 643, 1930 Zaventem) from **4-8 PM**.

As announced and discussed during our general assembly of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, a thorough rewrite and amendment of our statutes will be put to the vote. **A four-fifths majority of the effective members is required for this amendment, with a minimum attendance of two-thirds of effective members.**

As such, we kindly remind our effective members their attendance is encouraged since only effective members can vote on this amendment. Effective members who are represented through power of attorney will also be able to cast their vote. Each effective member can be only represent one other effective member.

*If you are unsure if you have indicated yourself as an effective member (with voting rights) or a supportive member (no voting rights), you can verify this by contacting the BIRD office ([info@birdgroup.be](mailto:info@birdgroup.be)).*

*If you do not wish to be an effective member, you can change your membership status by contacting the BIRD office ([info@birdgroup.be](mailto:info@birdgroup.be)).*

Below you can download the original statutes, the new statutes that will be put to the vote and a comparison between both versions for transparency's sake.

Furthermore, the overview of the Modus Operandi of BIRD will be given to our members. This document describes the internal regulations of BIRD and serves as a guiding framework that outlines the organisation's internal procedures and processes.

In addition to the EduCom, SciCom and BINAstoria sessions, other general items that will also be addressed include resignation of effective members, approval of the financial overview of 2023 and the 2024 budget, and approval of the conduct of the board members of 2023.

!! Please let us know if you can join us or not by **indicating your presence or absence (and your representative)** through the following link – **please do so before May 15**: <https://nl.surveymonkey.com/r/S85BSCL>.

RIZIV accreditation for ‘ethics and economy’ has been requested for this general assembly.

Please find below the **agenda for BIRD and BINAstoria** of the forthcoming general and extraordinary general assembly.

**Attachments:**

1. Original statutes ([download here](#));
2. Proposed new statutes ([download here](#));
3. Comparison of versions ([download here](#));
4. Modus Operandi BIRD ([download here](#))



Dr. Peter Bossuyt  
President

## AGENDA

Time	Subject	Speakers
19.30-20.00	<b>General:</b> - Approval minutes of General Assembly 31/1/2024 - Explanation of and vote on new statutes - Resignation of the effective members and change to the new definition of effective members in the new statutes - Explanation on Modus Operandi - Approval financial report 2023 - Explanation of estimated 2024 budget - Approval conduct board members 2023 - Welcome new members - BIRD 2024 Third Annual Congress + BIRD 2024 Educational training + BIRD 2024 IUS training - Important dates 2024	Peter Bossuyt Marc Ferrante Ingrid Arijs
20.00-	Q&A and closure	Peter Bossuyt

### BIRD program:

Time	Subject	Speakers
16.00-16.05	Welcome by President	Peter Bossuyt
16.05-17.15	<b>SciCom session:</b> - BIRD Research Grant 2024 winners - Update studies and intro new studies - Status BIRD registry - Presentations from KU Leuven BMW Master thesis students at BIRD: *Jolien Dierickx: 'The set-up of the BIRD registry - a national IBD database' *Axelle Raeves: 'Characterizing the remission status in patients with	Catherine Reenaers Lieven Pouillon BIRD office Jolien Dierickx Axelle Raeves
17.15-18.15	<b>EduCom session:</b> - Current and future activities - Standard of care protocols in IBD: reach consensus on a Belgian standard of care protocol for monitoring of patients with IBD during treatment	Joao Sabino Marie Truyens
18.15-19.00	BREAK	
19.00-19.15	Partner presentation: AMGEN: your partner in innovation and	
19.15-19.30	Update interaction with RIZIV/CTG and Sciensano	Peter Bossuyt Marc Ferrante

### BINAstoria program:

Time	Subject	Speakers
16.00-16.05	Welcome by BINAstoria Chair	Noortje Straetemans
<b>BINAstoria session PART 1:</b>		
16.05-16.30	- Explanation of the new statutes	Peter Bossuyt Marc Ferrante
16.30-16.45	- Partner presentation: Lilly	
16.45-17.00	- Update from BINAstoria/ECCO	BINAstoria committee
17.00-17.20	- An overview of upcoming and ongoing studies	Charlotte Minsart
17.20-17.45	- What the patients tell the nurses	Katrien Asnong
17.45-18.15	- Round table discussions (PART 1)	
18.15-19.00	BREAK	
<b>BINAstoria session PART 2:</b>		
19.00-19.30	- Round table discussions (PART 2)	