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# Join the myUEG community and become an official myUEG Associate for free

The importance of feeling connected to something greater than yourself cannot be understated. We understand that there's power in feeling supported on your quest to create a brighter, healthier tomorrow. We understand that it's both motivating and inspiring to know that you belong to an organisation full of international individuals committed to the advancement of the field of digestive health. As of this December, it is our pleasure to announce that all digestive health professionals can become a myUEG Associate for free.

Our myUEG Community (https://ueg.eu/myueg-community) will be your connection to a diverse and multidisciplinary digestive health community. We are thrilled to say that a plethora of outstanding free resources and educational activities await you, as well as the opportunity to become a myUEG Associate or myUEG Young GI Associate without any fee. 1.2 We can also hardly wait for you to grow a diverse network of friends, colleagues, peers and collaborators via our new, exclusive MyConnect networking feature.

Two of the many reasons why we encourage you to become a myUEG Associate are to both continue learning and growing. As a myUEG Associate you can benefit from continuous education and career development by utilising our renowned offers, each with various touchpoints throughout the year. To name a few, these offers include our UEG Week and Postgraduate Teaching Programme, as well as our Face-to-face Education (however, please note that the registration fees for these specific event types are not included). Our dedicated offers also encompass free resources such as UEG's Online Education, Career Development, Library, Journal, GI Guidelines App and more!

Another benefit of joining our myUEG Community is your unlimited access to MyConnect, UEG's new exclusive and secure networking feature for searching and linking with international digestive health professionals. You will be able to connect and network by expanding your relationships and collaborations, as well as forming completely new ones, all in a safe and professional online setting only accessible to those within the myUEG Community.

At the end of the day, our overarching goal is allowing all members of our vast and extremely diverse community to succeed with UEG, no matter of their speciality, age or career level! Our account settings and features are being redesigned to allow you to best keep track of your digestive health-related ventures, all from one central location – your personal myUEG Account! As with all matters in life, organisation is crucial. Utilise your personal filebox, manage your applications, congress activities, educational projects, certificates (including your new personalised myUEG Associate Certificate downloadable as of this December) and so much more!

We are already very much looking forward to having you with us in this new endeavour and cannot wait to 'connect' with you as myUEG Associates. It is our goal to provide a home for our community which is so diverse and multidisciplinary, but what unites us are our common purpose and core values. By doing so, we expect to reinforce the work and collaboration with our 48 National Societies and our 17 Specialists Societies, in order to build an even larger digestive health community, that is recognised as the united voice of European Gastroenterology.

This will be key in a world-wide competition for the best talents in biomedical science, but also to get political recognition and additional funding for large scale projects in a competitive scientific and biomedical world in and outside Europe.<sup>3</sup>

We invite you all to create or check out your myUEG account (https://ueg.eu/myUEG) and learn about exciting updates for your benefit!

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### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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