

Dear IBUS members,  
Dear IBUS office

I am writing to formally submit my candidacy for the position of President Elect of the International Bowel Ultrasound Group

My involvement with IBUS has developed progressively over the years, allowing me to gain an in-depth understanding of the organisation, its mission, and its strategic priorities. Having initially served as member and Chair of the SCICOM and currently as secretary in the Governing Board, I have had the privilege of contributing to IBUS from both a scientific and an institutional perspective.

During my term as Chair of SCICOM, I was strongly committed to promoting scientific initiatives aimed at strengthening knowledge and dissemination of intestinal ultrasound in IBD. These included the organization of online webinars focused on key scientific topics, as well as the launch of topical reviews on special populations, which will be presented in the upcoming ECCO Congress.

In my current position as Secretary of IBUS, I have interpreted my role as a coordinator within the Governing Board and as an active bridge between the Operating Board and the Governing Board, promoting open, transparent, and two-way communication. In particular, I have worked to support, coordinate, and disseminate the initiatives proposed by the Operating Board, notably COMCOM and EDUCOM. I firmly believe that a well-functioning governance structure is essential to maintain commitment, alignment, and shared goals within an international scientific society such as IBUS. My motivation for running for President Elect stems from a desire to put the experience I have gained to work for the future development of IBUS. I am deeply committed to the mission of IBUS of transforming IBD care globally through intestinal ultrasound, as well as to its fundamental pillars: education, scientific, excellence, collaboration, and innovation. I am particularly committed to strengthening IBUS's role as the leading international scientific society for intestinal ultrasound in IBD, including the development of high-impact scientific and educational initiatives that further consolidate its central position within the IBD community. I believe that IBUS has a unique opportunity to further expand its impact by strengthening collaborations with international partners, other scientific society, supporting young researchers and clinicians, and continuing to position IUS as a cornerstone in the management of patients with IBD.

If elected, I would be honoured to contribute to:

- ensuring continuity and further development of IBUS scientific and educational initiatives;
- fostering collaboration with international partners and society;
- promoting inclusive, transparent, and forward-thinking leadership;
- strengthen the role of IBUS within the broader IBD and non-invasive imaging communities, including through high-impact scientific and educational initiatives.

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Thank you very much for considering my candidacy. I would be grateful for the opportunity to further discuss my vision and commitment to IBUS in alignment with the organisation's future goals.

Kind regards,  
**Mariangela Allocca**  
Secretary, IBUS  
Past Chair, SCICOM