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Dr. Catalan-Serra is the National Representative of Norway at ECCO and served as Associated editor of ECCO News and other GI journals with focus on IBD. He is a board member of the United European Gastroenterology (UEG) Education Committee and the Director of the UEG Summer School. Ignacio is board member of the AGA International Education Sub-committee and the IBD committee of the World Gastro Organization (WGO). He is also the vice-Chair of the Norwegian IBD Study Group (NISG).

He has been leading international research collaborations in the field of IBD with focus on immunological response, the mycobiome, prediction of IBD and clinical trials, including EU funded projects. Currently he is focus on the prediction of prevention of IBD (INTERCEPT Consortium) and in developing a global strategy for IBD (TOPCLASS consortium).

Additionally, he is the founder of YOGI-IBD <https://youngibd.org/>, the first global platform professionals dealing with IBD around the world. Dr. Catalan-Serra is committed to improving a holistic care of IBD patients, foster the education about IBD globally, and to contribute finding a cure for the disease.