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Dear Member,

In accordance with the Statute of MACC - Malta Association of Crohn's & Colitis, the **Annual General Meeting** is going to be held on World IBD Day, Wednesday, 19th May 2021 at 6:00pm via MS TEAMS.

This year's AGM is important for MACC as the future of the Association and the current committee leading the Association will be discussed. Interesting presentations will also be delivered during the meeting.

May I take this opportunity to encourage you to attend this meeting and to participate wholeheartedly in the discussion.

The agenda of the Annual General Meeting follows:

1800hrs : **Opening Speech** by MACC Chairperson
1805hrs : **Dietary Management in pediatrics IBD** – Dr Anne Marie Grima
1835hrs : **Presentation & Approval of Accounts** - Treasurer
1845hrs: **Discussion about the future of MACC & Election of the new Committee**
1900hrs : **IBD and Covid-19** – Dr Jurgen Gerada
1930hrs : **Closing speech** by MACC Chairperson

Link to join the meeting:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_N2YyMDc1ZDEtYWVhMC00NDA3LWE4OTAzZDIyMmNmNDNjNGIx%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%221886f41b-b999-48ae-b620-2e81dfde820f%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22ff589ee7-194e-4932-98d6-fa1452059473%22%7d

Finally, we thank you for your support and we encourage you to volunteer some of your time in order to form part of the MACC committee, please inform us during the AGM.

Yours sincerely,

Josef Busuttill
Chairperson

Speakers' profiles:

Dr Anne Mare Grima

MD(Melit), MRCPCH, SPIN PGHAN(UK)

Resident Specialist in Paediatrics

Liaison officer for paediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition patients

Dr Anne Marie Grima started her paediatric training in 2011, and in 2020, she has been appointed as a resident specialist in Paediatrics working exclusively at Mater Dei Hospital. In 2015 she was chosen to pursue a three-year fellowship at King's College Hospital as a fellow in paediatric hepatology, nutrition, and gastroenterology. Following her successful completion of training in this subspeciality, she pursued a subspeciality fellowship in paediatric endoscopy at Sheffield Children's Hospital. Through her fellowship, she was granted accreditation as a paediatric upper and lower gastroenterology endoscopist. She returned to Malta in 2018 to complete her training in general paediatric and start paediatric gastroenterology services in Malta with involvement of a multidisciplinary team which includes paediatric surgeons, paediatric nurses, paediatric nutritionists, and other health care professionals. Her main topics of expertise include paediatric endoscopy, paediatric inflammatory bowel disease, congenital enteropathies and management of children post liver transplantation. She is also involved in the management of complex and rare paediatric gastroenterology and hepatology pathologies of Maltese children through liaison with centres of excellence in the UK and Italy.

Dr Jurgen Gerada

MD MRCP (UK) MSc Gastro (Lond) FEBGH FRCP

Consultant Gastroenterologist & Hepatologist

Dr. Jurgen Gerada has been a Consultant Gastroenterologist & Hepatologist at Mater Dei Hospital since 2015, after specializing in gastroenterology for few years in London. He has obtained a Masters in Gastroenterology and has written a number of papers on coeliac disease, Crohns & colitis, liver disease. He is also a Lecturer and Examiner with the University of Malta, and a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and of the European Board of Gastroenterology & Hepatology.