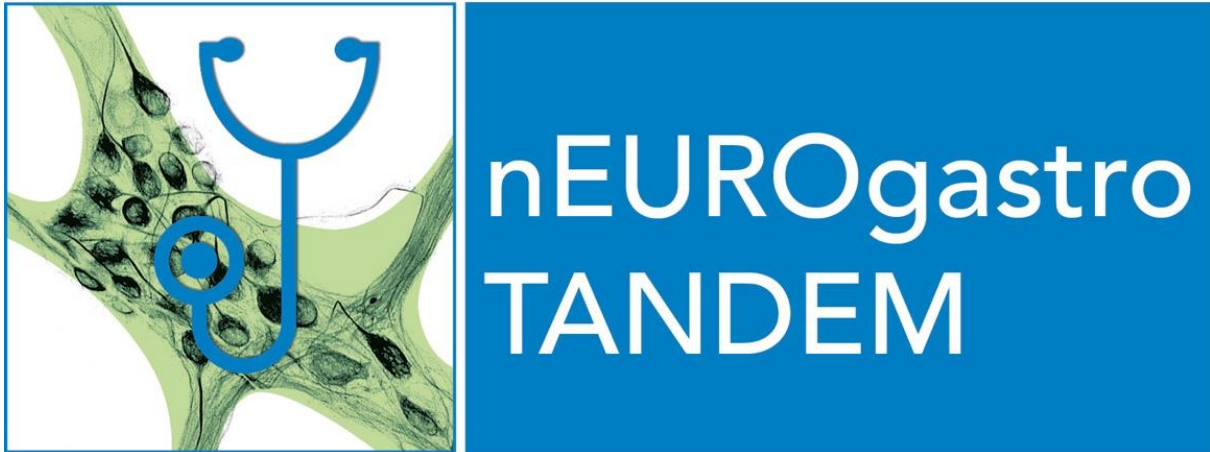


**Are you the most promising and innovative young researcher in Europe?  
The TANDEM Young Investigator meeting committee is looking for you.**

**Apply to be a nEUROgastro TANDEM Young Investigator!**



**Date and location**

The nEUROgastro TANDEM meeting will take place on **August 29 and 30, 2023**, prior to NeuroGASTRO 2023, to be held in Bucharest, Romania.

**Organizing committee:**

Romania: Ion Bancila (University of Medicine and Pharmacy "Carol Davila", Bucharest), Anca Borca Dimitriu (Fundeni Clinical Institute, Bucharest); Oana Barboi ("Grigore T. Popa" University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Iasi); France: Chloé Melchior (Univ. Rouen Normandie, and CHU Rouen, France); Germany: Kristin Elfers (University of Veterinary Medicine, Hannover, Foundation)

**Synopsis**

As Europe is growing together, new doors are opening for young investigators. Setting international collaborations, elaborating common projects and teamwork are the basis to make good science. The nEUROgastro TANDEM meeting is a novel format of independent young investigator meeting focused on these topics. This highly competitive meeting is addressing European scientists with clinical and basic background. The meeting's leitmotif is translational research: connect basic science to clinical expertise. After a selection process, ten MD and ten PhD applicants will be chosen and paired up prior to the meeting. Each team will be mentored by one member of the organizing committee. Teams are requested to come up with a translational pilot & feasibility project proposal that they must introduce in a 20-min presentation at the TANDEM meeting. Projects will be discussed with all participants and scored. The project/team with the highest score will get funding of 5000 Euro that is intended as start-up money with the goal to lead to an independent grant. The modalities of payment are planned as a reimbursement bound to data presentation required at the next European NeuroGASTRO Meeting. The TANDEM Meeting will be summarized in one of the sessions at NeuroGASTRO 2023 in Bucharest.

## Eligibility

Applications are accepted from candidates who meet the following criteria:

- Currently work in a European country in the field of Neurogastroenterology or are interested to develop their career towards this field.
- Have completed MD or PhD degree or are in the last year thereof.
- Are 35 years old or younger on January 1<sup>st</sup> in the year of application, unless exceptional circumstances have significantly delayed career progression.
- Please note: For female candidates with children the age limit of 35 is automatically extended by one year per child.

## Application

Application to the TANDEM Young Investigator Program is easy. Please check the eligibility criteria before applying.

Applications open	1 <sup>st</sup> February 2023
Deadline for application	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023
Announcements of Attendees	4 <sup>th</sup> May 2023

- Applicants are asked to submit their CV (one page), a letter of motivation (one page), a letter of support from their Head of Department and publication list (if available, not required) to [tandem@esnm.eu](mailto:tandem@esnm.eu).
- Travel costs (up to 500€) will be reimbursed by the national Neurogastro societies!

## Selection process

- Full applications are discussed within the TANDEM committee. Based on merit, 10 PhD and 10 MDs (or candidates) are selected.
- Based on their research area and expertise, one MD and one PhD (or candidates) are paired up in a team.
- All candidates are informed by email of the outcome of their full application.
- Selected teams are notified of their selection.
- Each team must compose a research project based on their individual expertise.

## Evaluation criteria

The aspects that should be considered constructing the research plan and that will be taken into account to evaluate the proposed research project are:

- Willingness of the applicant to tackle new and important problems
- Is the proposed research interesting and realistic?
- Is the proposed project a good combination of the applicants' expertise?
- Is the budget reasonable?