



The Vasco da Gama Movement Fund

Updated policies for the 2016 Edition

There are significant inequities in the European context, which also afflict our discipline and prevent many trainees and junior General Practitioners/Family Physicians (GPs/FPs) from joining the annual Preconference and the WONCA Europe Conference.

The Vasco da Gama Movement (VdGM) would like to aid them actively and invites National Colleges, Scientific Associations and Junior GP/FM Associations to donate to the “The Vasco da Gama Movement Fund” or “VdGM Fund”.

Launched in 2012 at the initiative of the VdGM Past President Sven Streit, the Fund has already helped 14 junior GPs/FDs to attend the WONCA Conferences in Prague, Lisbon and Istanbul.

Criteria of Eligibility

The candidate:

- Has to be resident in the European Continent and a member of an Organisation/Association/College within the WONCA Europe.
- Must be a trainee in General Practice/Family Medicine or a junior GP/FP in his/her first 5 years after specialization.
- Should fill in and send the application within the announced deadline. A reference letter of a person inside the candidate's organisation/association/college endorsing the candidature should be attached to the application.
- Agrees that if this application is successful, he/she will be refunded up to €750. The refund will be made after the conclusion of the Conference/Pre-conference and will be approved by the Executive Group of VdGM.

The candidate must also agree to the following terms & conditions:

- The VdGM reserves the right to refund a smaller amount of money should the candidate fail to prove his/her attendance to the WONCA Europe Conference or should he/she fail to provide the required receipts from his/her journey.
- A report of the applicant's experience will be requested after the Conference; it is mandatory to send the report in order to be refunded. The report may be published on the website and/or social networks of the Vasco da Gama Movement. The mere aim of this is to disseminate the importance of the participation in the Conference and raise awareness on the significance of the VdGM Fund. The personal data can be omitted on request of the candidate.

Selection Policy

For the 2016 edition, the candidate has to send his/her application (attached) together with the letter of reference to info@vdgm.eu by March 1st 2016.

Two candidates will be selected.

Who Supports the Fund?

We wish to extend our gratitude to our generous supporters:



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All individual GPs/FPs who supported the Fund through the purchase of the "*I Support the VdGM Fund*" badge and other donations at the VdGM booth during the WONCA Europe Conferences and VdGM events.

How to Support the Fund?

The Vasco da Gama Movement would like to invite National Colleges, Scientific Associations and Junior GP/FM Associations to donate even small amounts of money to the The Vasco da Gama Movement Fund.

If you wish to make a donation, please note the following policies:

- The donation has to be done by marking "FUND" on the invoice.
- The donation has to be done to:
Account holder: Stichting Wonca Europe
IBAN: BE41 7310 2598 9810 EUR
BIC: KREDBEBB
- Donations cannot be made with a special purpose other than mentioned above (e.g. it's not possible to donate for a special person, region or purpose).

- VdGM may announce the donation on its website and to other affiliated associations and media, without disclosing the amount of money.