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VdGM Junior Researcher Award

2018 Edition

We are happy to announce that one winner for "Junior Researcher Award" will be selected in WONCA Europe Conference 2018 to be held in Krakow.

GOAL

The Vasco da Gama Movement wants to encourage New and Future General Practitioners/Family Physicians (GP/FM) to develop their research skills to improve health care in primary care.

For this reason, the Vasco da Gama Movement proposes an annual Junior Research Award which aims at rewarding advanced projects of GM/FM trainees or junior GP/FM with up to 5 years working experience after graduation.

Applicants are asked to describe in detail a research project and finalists will have to present it during a VdGM workshop at the 2018 WONCA Europe Conference.

TARGET

The researcher must be either a GP/FM trainee or a Junior GP/FM up to 5 years after graduation from vocational training.

Project must be advanced research projects.

The research project must have an impact on the field of primary care.

MEMBERS OF THE JURY

EGPRN and VdGM Research Special Interest Group

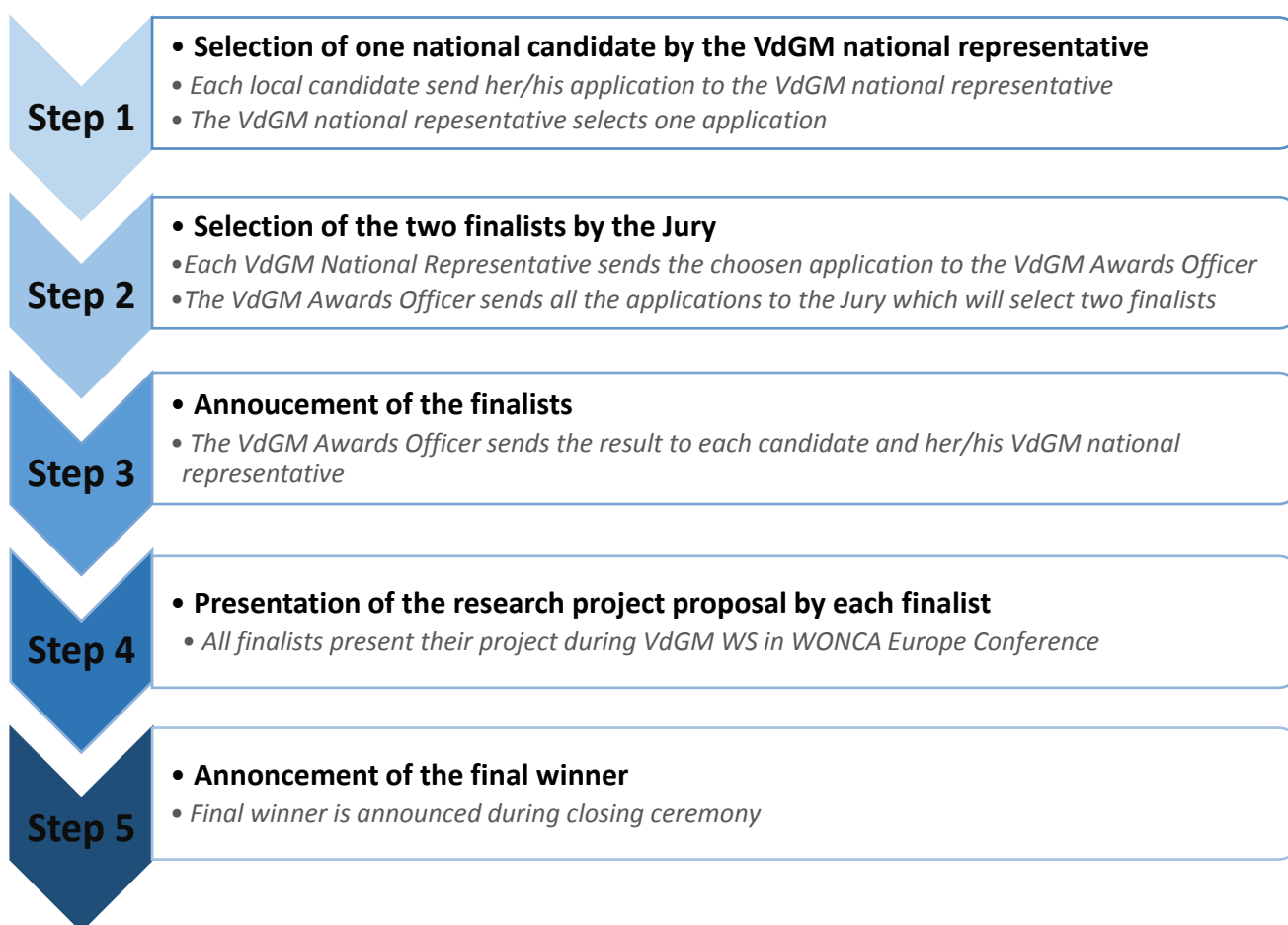
PROCESS

Every VdGM National Representative can propose one researcher for his/her country, using the attached selection grid (annex 1).

Only one application per country and per candidate is accepted.

The template for submission is in Annex 2.

Process flowchart



PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Documentation

Each candidate should send the required documents to her/his VdGM National Representative (<http://vdgm.woncaeurope.org/content/council-members-national-delegates>)

VdGM National Representatives will select one application and send the related documents to the VdGM Awards Officer (awards@vdgm.eu) before the deadline of February, 11th.

Required documents	
Copy of document proving young doctor status (GP trainee or junior GP)	- Save as: Name_Country_Status_JRA2018
Short letter of presentation from the candidate	- Max. 500 words - Specifying the status of the applicant (trainee or junior GP/FM) in the top of the letter - Save as: Name_Country_Presentation_JRA2018
Project proposal	- See template in Annex 1 - Save as: Name_Country_Project_JRA2018

Calendar

Deadline for the proposal of candidates to the VdGM National Representative	To be defined locally
Deadline for the proposal of the national candidate to the VdGM Awards Officer	11th February
Send selected applications to Jury	12th February
Collect results from Jury	11th March
Announcement of the finalists	14th March
Presentation of the project proposal during the VdGM research workshop in the 2018 WONCA Europe Conference	To be defined

Prize

For all finalists

Reimbursement of the registration fee for WONCA 2018 Krakow (to a maximum value of €500 per person), ONLY if the candidate presents her/his research work by her/his own during the VdGM Research Workshop in the WONCA Europe Conference 2018 to be held in Krakow.

For the winner

- 1000€ prize, ONLY if the winner presents her/his research work by her/his own during the VdGM Research Workshop in the WONCA Europe Conference 2018 to be held in Krakow.
- The final winner will be pronounced during the closing ceremony.
- The winner will allow VdGM to publish his/her curriculum, portrait photography and research abstract on the VdGM website as examples of Champions of Research in Family Medicine

Annex 1 – Rating Grid

Topic	Criterion	Score
Research related	Research question is discussed on background of prior evidence	0-4 points
	Question is clearly stated	0-4 points
	Question is relevant for clinical GP/ FM practice	0-5 points
	Method proposed is appropriate	0-4 points
	Results or first results are clearly described	0-3 points
	Planned efforts of researcher to disseminate the results	0-2 points
	Originality of the research project (goal, methods, and so on)	0-2 points
	Feasibility of the research project	0-2 points
	Research subtotal	Max of 26
Researcher related	GP in training (1 point if yes)	0 or 1 point
	European country below average gross domestic product at purchasing power parity per capita* (1 point if yes)	0 or 1 point
	Respect of the number of words for the project proposal and the presentation letter (2 points if yes)	0 or 2 points
	Researcher subtotal	Max of 4
Total Score		Max of 30

***European Countries with low and middle income than average GDP:**

European Countries with low or middle GDP/capita (June 2017): Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyz Republic, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan. Reference:

<https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519-world-bank-country-and-lending-groups>).

Annex 2 – Template for the project proposal for the Junior Researcher Award

a) Short summary (up to 250 words)

Please give a short summary of your proposed project. It should be understandable without reading the full proposal. Please state a clear research question that results from prior evidence. Give a short overview describing how you intend to answer the question with your project. Make some comments on the results you expect and how they may extend prior knowledge and impact on clinical practice.

b) Background: (up to 1.000 words)

This section should give an overview of existing evidence in the field your question derives from. It may be wise to extract and cite current review articles here. Make clear why your research is needed on the background of prior knowledge.

c) Main research question/hypothesis

Please state one primary question or hypothesis that consistently derives from the previous section. There may be additional research questions/hypothesis you may be free to add in this paragraph. But make sure that your projects keeps focused!

d) Planned methods: (up to 750 words)

This section should describe the planned/performed project as detailed as possible. Give details about the study design (e.g. observational, intervention, setting (e.g. practice or hospital), number and characteristics of participants (including a sample size calculation), instruments and measures (to be) used for the assessment of outcomes, (planned) statistical methods and a timeline for the project.

e) (Expected) results and potential impact on science and clinical practice: (up to 1000 words)

Which results do you expect and how will these results make a difference regarding scientific knowledge and clinical practice?

What were the results of your study?

f) Dissemination strategy: (up to 500 words)

Please state as detailed as possible how you plan to disseminate your results. This will include planned publications but you may have some additional ideas to make sure that your results will be recognized by others.

g) Resources and infrastructure for research you could already rely on: (up to 500 words)

It is important to describe your personal and institutional support (if any) for planning, performing and publishing the proposed study. Be as realistic as possible regarding time efforts, supportive colleagues and access to data/participants.

h) Budget estimate (in EURO) (one table):

Please give an overview of the budget you estimate to be necessary to perform this study. The budget should include salaries, material and publication costs. Be aware of the fact that this award will NOT include a budget for your study. However, the Junior Researcher Award may help you to get funding from national or international funding bodies. Therefore, this section should be realistic and strictly derived from your working plan (section d).

i) References: (not more than 15 references)

Please cite references.