The Vasco da Gama Movement Fund for Preconference / WONCA Europe Conference

2017 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 with the introduction of the VdGM Fund. Launched in 2012 at the initiative of the VdGM Past President Sven Streit, the Fund has already helped 16 junior GPs/FDs to attend the WONCA Conferences in Prague, Lisbon, İstanbul and Copenhagen.

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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 shall be approved by the Executive Group of VdGM.

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Executive Group

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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 2017 edition, the candidate has to send his/her application together with the reference letter to info@vdgm.eu by 31st December 2016. Please find attached the application form.

Two candidates will be selected. The winners will be announced on 15th February 2017.