We are happy to announce that one winner for "Junior Researcher Award” will be selected in WONCA Europe Conference 2019 to be held in Bratislava.

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 presents an annual Junior Research Award with the aim of rewarding advanced projects of GP/FM trainees or junior GP/FM physicians 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 an advanced research project.

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

Step 1
- **Selection of one national candidate by the VdGM national representative**
  - Each local candidate send her/his application to the VdGM national representative
  - The VdGM national representative selects one application

Step 2
- **Selection of the finalists by the Jury**
  - Each VdGM National Representative sends the chosen application to the VdGM Awards Officer
  - The VdGM Awards Officer sends all the applications to the Jury

Step 3
- **Annoucement of the finalists**
  - The VdGM Awards Officer sends the result to each candidate and her/his VdGM national representative

Step 4
- **Presentation of the research project proposal by each finalist**
  - All finalists present their project during VdGM WS in WONCA Europe Conference

Step 5
- **Announcement of the final winner**
  - Final winner is announced during closing ceremony

PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Documentation

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

VdGM National Representatives will select one application and send the related documents to the VdGM Awards Officer before the deadline of April, 14th.
## Documents to send

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<th>Copy of document proving young doctor status (GP trainee or First 5 years GP)</th>
<th>- Save as: Name_Country_Status_JRA2019</th>
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| 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_JRA2019 |
| Project proposal | - See template in Annex 1  
- Save as: Name_Country_Project_JRA2018 |

## Calendar

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<td>Collect results from Jury</td>
<td>30th April</td>
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<td>Announcement of the finalists</td>
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## Prize

Three Finalists will present at the Conference. Of these, one will win the overall prize.

### For the two runner-up finalists

Reimbursement of the registration fee for WONCA 2019 Bratislava (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 2019 WONCA Europe Conference.

### 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 2019 WONCA Europe Conference.  
- The final winner will be announced 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

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

Max of 30

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*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](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 project keeps focused!

d) Planned methods: (up to 750 words)

This section should describe the planned/performed project in as much detail 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, statistical methods and a timeline for the project.

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

What 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.