



Fons Sips Outstanding Achievement Award and WONCA World Rising Star Award - the perfect fusion

BACKGROUND

In 2016, the Fons Sips Outstanding Achievement Award was created in honour of the contributions of one of VdGM's founding fathers, Alphons Jacobus Ignatius Sips to the establishment of VdGM, the European Young Doctors Movement of WONCA. It was created in order to ensure that the heritage and history of movement was not forgotten and in order to recognise great work and contribution of its members. The celebratory action was tinged with profound sadness as Fons Sips passed away shortly after its creation. The inaugural award was awarded to Fons Sips in memoriam and we were joined by his family in honouring him at the WONCA Europe Conference in Prague 2017.

In 2021 WONCA World created the Rising Star Award which aims to recognize a young doctor who has demonstrated a drive for excellence in Health Care. Each of seven Young Doctors Movements designates its candidate for the WONCA World Rising Star Award, the winner is announced at the WONCA World Conference.

We are thrilled to announce that from this year the winner of the biannual Fons Sips Outstanding Achievement Award becomes VdGM's nominee for the WONCA World Rising Star Award. It is our privilege and honor to present one of the VdGM members side by side with other YDM's candidates to the world audience of family physicians.

AIMS

The fusion of the awards underlines the value of each and a will to acknowledge accomplishments of the young general practitioners. But despite its new global scale, the Fons Sips Outstanding Achievement Award remains first and foremost the chance for VdGM members to appreciate their colleagues' achievements and passion for Family Medicine, as well as their commitment to VdGM community. It continues to be an award "by the members, for the members".

JURY

Fons Sips Outstanding Achievement Award

The nominations will be evaluated by a jury consisting of VdGM Executive members, Council members and WE Executive members.

WONCA World Rising Star Award

The nomination will be evaluated by a jury consisting of seven Young Doctor Movements representatives.

REQUIREMENTS

Nominations will be requested from the VdGM members.

Nominator must be:

1. A "young doctor", meaning family medicine/general practice trainee or within 5 years of completing her/his training

Nominee must be:

1. A "young doctor", meaning family medicine/general practice trainee or within 5 years of completing her/his training (the status must be still valid by the month of WONCA World Conference 2021)
2. A registered member of a WONCA Europe National Member Organisation

Nominators should demonstrate the nominees' outstanding achievements in the field of family medicine and contribution to VdGM, the European Young Family Doctors Movement of WONCA.

DOCUMENTS

To nominate a colleague, please provide:

1. Evidence of the nominator "young doctor" status saved as „Name of the nominator_Status1_ FSA2021"
2. A letter of consent from the nominee saved as „Name of the nominee_Consent_ FSA2021"
3. Evidence of the nominee's membership of a WONCA Europe National Member Organization saved as „Name of the nominee_NMO_ FSA2021"
4. Evidence of the nominee's "young doctor" status saved as „Name of the nominee_Status2_ FSA2021"
5. A completed template of a nomination letter outlining why the nominee should be considered for the award saved as „Name of the nominee_NL_ FSA2021"

All documents and potential questions should be sent to awards@vdgm.eu

CALENDAR

All documents should be sent to awards@vdgm.eu by **23rd May 2021**.

The winner of the Fons Sips Outstanding Achievement Award will be informed about results by **6th June 2021**.

The winner of the Fons Sips Outstanding Achievement Award will be announced during the Closing Ceremony of the WONCA Europe Conference in Amsterdam (**10th July 2021**).

The winner of the WONCA World Rising Star Award will be announced during WONCA World Conference in Abu Dhabi (**25th to 28th November 2021**).