The Vasco da Gama Movement Fund

Updated policies for the 2014 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 even small amounts of money to the “The Vasco da Gama Movement Fund“ or “VdGM Fund“.

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.
- An application should be filled in and sent 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 for Registration, Travel and Accommodation, following attendance at the WONCA Conference and/or VdGM Preconference, up to a maximum of €800. The refund will be made after the conclusion of the Conference / Preconference and will be approved by the Executive Group of VdGM.
The candidate must also agree to the following terms & conditions:

- The amount of the bursary that will be granted to the successful candidate depends on the estimated costs that will be provided in this form by him/her.
- The VdGM reserves the right to refund a smaller amount of money should the candidate fails to prove his/her attendance to the WONCA Europe Conference or he/she fails 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 to the Conference and raise awareness of the significance of the VdGM Fund. The personal data can be omitted on request of the candidate.

**Selection Policy**

Depending on the actual amount of money of the fund, the Executive Group of VdGM will make the final decision on:

- the candidates who will be rewarded;
- the amount of money they will receive (up to a maximum of €800 per person);
- the purpose for which the money should be used.

For the 2014 edition, the candidate has to send his/her application together with the letter of reference to info@vdgm.eu by 31st January 2014. The results will be announced on our website (www.vdgm.eu) and by email at the end of February 2014.

**Who Supports 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.

We wish to extend our gratitude to our generous supporters:

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