



The Vasco da Gama Movement Fund for the WONCA Europe Conference and the VdGM Preconference Amsterdam 2021

BACKGROUND

The VdGM Fund is one of our oldest initiatives and certainly one of those we are constantly proud of. Since 2012 VdGM has financially supported dozens of young family physicians across the region and brought them closer to the international community of young general practitioners. The truly inspirational power and strength of VdGM is based on the diversity of its members. The Fund is committed to enabling VdGM events to become accessible for those who want to join them.

AIMS

Each member from each country is equally important but there is no equality without equity. VdGM Fund has been created in order to equalize opportunities of participating in VdGM events such as VdGM Forum, VdGM Preconference and WONCA Europe Conference.

We use the VdGM Fund especially to support those who have low income, as well as those who are new to VdGM. We are convinced that participation in the mentioned events can boost the motivation of being a great physician, an active member of VdGM and build a strong network of young family doctors across the continent. Our goal is to strengthen Primary Care in each country by reinforcing, inspiring and connecting its general practitioners, the VdGM Fund is one of the means to achieve it.

PRIZE

Each of **two** VdGM Fund recipients will be given up to 500€ of reimbursement. The refund can cover:

- registration fee for the VdGM Preconference in Amsterdam (live event)
- registration fee for the WONCA Europe Conference in Amsterdam (virtual)
- the cost of flight tickets to attend the VdGM Preconference in Amsterdam
- the cost of accommodation during the VdGM Preconference in Amsterdam

DOCUMENTS

1. Application form (saved Name_AF_Fund2021)
2. Proof of a young doctor status: GP trainee or during the first 6 years after training (saved as Name_Status_Fund2021)
3. Applicant's picture (saved as Name_Picture_Fund2021)

All the documents must be sent to the Awards and Fundraising Officer: awards@vdgm.eu

CALENDAR

All the documents must be sent to the Awards and Fundraising officer by **16th of May**.

The results will be announced on VdGM website and by email by **25th of May**

JURY

The Selection of the two VdGM Fund recipients will be made by a Jury made up of representatives from VdGM and WONCA Europe, who will evaluate the application forms.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will be asked to describe her/his experience (using 250- 500 words) within one month after attending the event.

The applicant will be asked to send the proof of incurred costs.

THE COVID-19 SPECIAL TERMS

Due to uncertainty of the current situation the cost already incurred to attend VdGM Preconference in Amsterdam (up to 500 €) will be still refunded even if:

- the live event is cancelled by the organizers
- the VdGM Fund recipient is not allowed to leave her/his country due to COVID-19 related travel restrictions (imposed after the date of declaring the bursary winners)
- the VdGM Fund recipient is not allowed to enter the Netherlands due to COVID-19 related travel restrictions (imposed after the date of declaring the bursary winners)
- the VdGM Fund recipient is forced to be quarantined in the Netherlands and therefore resign from attending the event (imposed after the date of declaring the bursary winners)

If the live event is cancelled VdGM Fund recipient is asked to attend the virtual event in order to get reimbursement of the already incurred costs.

If the VdGM Fund recipient fails to attend the live event due to mentioned above circumstances she/he would be asked to try to get a refund of the incurred costs from f.e. The airline company or the company that ensured accommodation. If the efforts do not succeed the refund will still be given as long as they attend the virtual event and submit a report as above.

EXCLUSION CRITERIA

We cannot provide the reimbursement if the VdGM Fund recipient:

- is not from a country that is within WONCA Europe region
- fails to prove the attendance in the event
- fails to send a report of her/his experience within one month after the event
- fails to prove the incurred costs
- is a winner of a previous VdGM/WONCA fund or scholarship

CONSENT

By applying for the VdGM Fund, applicant agrees on:

- using her/his photo publicity purposes on the VdGM social media channels and/or VdGM website.
- publishing her/his report about the attended events (live and/or virtual) for publicity purposes on the VdGM social media channels and/or VdGM website.

The aim of these two consents is to disseminate the value of participation in the VdGM events and raise awareness of the significance of the VdGM Fund. The personal data can be omitted at the request of the candidate.