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For the attention of:
EFIM National Societies of Internal Medicine

Dear Friends & Colleagues

The Foundation for the Development of Internal Medicine in Europe (FDIME) is again offering Research Grants to Young Internists/ Researchers who are interested to pursue research in the study of rare diseases in Internal Medicine. It is intended that research study projects should be undertaken away from their home country in order to promote European exchanges. The Grants are awarded specifically to assist with the cost of living expenses whilst the Grant Recipient carries out his/her research study in the host country.

Prof Loic Guillevin and I would like to ask for your help in 2 areas:-

1. Call for Expert Reviewers:

Prof Guillevin intends to renew the members of the FDIME Research Grants Selection Committee. He is therefore looking for Internal Medicine Experts to assist him on the Committee, and would like to ask for your help by either volunteering yourself, or by nominating a colleague. The key role of Experts is to assist with the evaluation of Grant Applicants and the Research Projects that they submit for consideration of a Research Grant. Experts across a wide range of Sub-Specialties in the field of Internal Medicine are required. It is anticipated that each Expert would be required to evaluate one or possibly two applications per year.

We hope that you may be willing to propose yourself or to pass this letter to another colleague who could assist in this way. If so, please contact Loic Guillevin to express your interest and state your field of expertise. Email: loic.guillevin@aphp.fr copy to: contact@fdime.org

2. Research Grants 2016 Announcement:

We also ask for your help in circulating the enclosed Announcement to eligible Young Internists/ Researchers (up to the age of 38 years) to encourage high quality applications to be submitted before the closing date of **3 June 2016**.

YIs from EFIM member countries are the target audience. As stated in the Announcement, the eligibility criteria must be met. Permission is given for the Announcement to be posted on your National Society website. To obtain an application form, email: contact@fdime.org

With best regards and our grateful thanks for your support.

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FDIME ANNOUNCES THE AVAILABILITY OF RESEARCH GRANTS in 2016

The Foundation for the Development of Internal Medicine in Europe (FDIME) announces the availability of grants for young internists who intend to develop research in the field of rare diseases in adults. Funding is available to enable grants of up to 20,000 Euros each to be awarded for a maximum period of 1 year.

Application Criteria / Eligibility

Young Internists who are interested to apply for one of grants must meet the following criteria:-

- Be an Internist as defined by EFIM (refer to: <http://www.efim.org/en/what-is-internal-medicine-913>)
- Be < 38 years of age.
- Be a PhD or equivalent (or studying for a PhD or equivalent), or be involved in post doctoral research.
- Be a member of one of the National Societies of Internal Medicine affiliated to the EFIM, for at least one year before applying.
- Be able to submit a project proposal relevant to the topic of rare diseases in Internal Medicine. The project can cover translational medicine, basic or clinical research.

Award Information

- Grants will be awarded for up to one year and are not renewable.
- The objective of the grant is to promote exchanges between European researchers enabling the grant recipient to undertake research, preferably outside the applicant's country of residence.
- The purpose of the grant is to provide part-funding to facilitate the applicant's lifestyle during the period of research in a different location, and not for organizing the research itself.
- The applicant must inform the Research Grant Selection Board of additional sources of funding that are available for the intended research project.

To Request an application form, E-mail: contact@fdime.org

Deadline for Receipt of Applications: **3 June 2016**

Applications will be accepted by e-mail only, sent to:-

Mrs Janet Stevens c/o FDIME Secretariat E-mail: contact@fdime.org

Copy to: Professor Loïc Guillevin, President of the Scientific Council of the Foundation
Hôpital Cochin, Paris. E-mail: loic.guillevin@aphp.fr

Essential Documents Required to Accompany the Research Grant Application

The following information and documentation must be provided:-

1. Your up-to-date Curriculum Vitae including your Home and Work Address, telephone number, and e-mail address + a recent photograph of yourself.
2. A Letter of Recommendation / Support from a Board Member of your National Society of Internal Medicine (as proof of membership of your Society).
3. Title and Summary of the Project on the subject of Rare Diseases in adults (max 500 words in English). Ensure that your subject IS categorised as a Rare Disease.
4. Full details of the Project Proposal – in English
5. The name and e-mail address of the Chief of the Laboratory or Department of Medicine in which the project will be undertaken.
6. A letter from the Chief of Laboratory or Department of Medicine, certifying that the project will be carried out in their laboratory/clinical department.
7. The period during which the intended research will be carried out, starting after 31.08.2016.
8. Estimated monthly living costs/expenses in the host country/city where the research will be carried out.

Important Note: For clinical research projects and research on animal models, the opinion of an Ethics Committee should be obtained.

To express your interest in applying for a Grant, and to give the title of your intended project (for a preliminary assessment of its suitability to proceed with a full application), or for any other information please contact:- Mrs Janet Stevens E-mail: contact@fdime.org

Additional Information

The FDIME Research Grant will be transferred to The Recipient by bank transfer in two stages:- Half immediately before starting the project, and half at mid-term.

An interim report will be required mid-term before the second installment can be paid.

After receiving the Research Grant, The Recipient is responsible for paying any tax/duties that may be required in their home country.

At the end of the period of research, The Recipient has the obligation to submit an article (review or original article) in the European Journal of Internal Medicine (EJIM) to report on at least a part of the research that has been undertaken. Publication(s) of the original results of the research, can be published in any journal. The grant provided by FDIME must be included in an Acknowledgement at the end of the article and in any presentation of the project results.

The Research Grant Selection Board will assess all applications.

The decision is of the Research Grant Selection Board is irrevocable. The reasons for any decision made by the Grant Selection Committee will not be discussed with the applicant.

Members of the Research Grant Selection Board are :-

Pr Loïc Guillevin (Chairman) France; UK; Pr Antonio Coutinho, Portugal; Pr. Emin Kansu, Turkey; Pr Yves Lévy, France; Pr Stefan Lindgren, Sweden; Pr. Marco Mattucci, Italy; Pr. Arnold Munich, France; Pr Hans-Harmut Peter, Germany.