**VdGM Junior Researcher Award**

As adopted by the Europe Council in Malaga (2010)

# What purpose ?

* General practice (GP) and Family Medicine (FM) is known to be an emerging field for research activities all over the world
* It's comprehensive, population based scope implies special demands for multi- methodological research skills
* VdGM aims to promote a generation of junior GP/FM doctors who include research skills with patient care as a life time career
* VdGM therefore provides an annual junior researcher award
* This award honors outstanding research and researchers careers who are GP/FM trainees or junior GP/FM with up to 5 years working experience after graduation

# Who can apply?

* GP/FM trainees, junior GP/FMs (up to 5 years after graduation from vocational training)
* A proposed research project with an impact on the field of general practice
* One application per candidate is accepted
* Every VdGM national representative can propose one researcher for his/her country, using the selection grid as proposed by VdGM (annexe)

# Members of the jury

* + Liaison person Research Theme group as representative of the VdGM EG
	+ Another member of the Research Theme group
	+ A member of EGPRN
	+ An external guest members as appointed by VdGM (senior researcher with experience)

# Practical considerations

Application only through VdGM national representatives (Europe council members)

* Documents to be sent:
1. a copy of passport or identity card
2. a copy of student registration or document of graduation
3. a short letter of presentation from the candidate (max. 500 words)
4. the national grid as filled out by the national representative or person responsible for national selection
5. a copy of the project proposal as submitted by the candidate
* Deadline for application to the national representatives is 15st January 2014, deadline for the proposal of the national candidate is 10th February 2014 prior to the WONCA Europe conference.
* Jury will define 3 final candidates before March 1st 2014
* 3 final candidates will be invited to present their project proposal during a VdGM workshop in the main conference (junior champions in GP-research).
* Entrance fees for the final candidates will be paid by VDGM
* The final winner will receive 1000 euro to perform the research proposal
* The final winner will be pronounced during the closing ceremony.

The winner will allow VdGM to publish CV, portrait photography and research abstract on the VdGM website as examples of Champions of Research as general practice clinicians.

# Annexe – Rating grid

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| **Topic Criterium Score (points)** |
|  | Question is clearly stated (1-5 points) |  |
| **Research related** | 1-5 |
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| Question is relevant for clinical GP/ FM practice (1-5 1-5points) |
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|  | Method proposed is appropriate (1-5 points) |  |
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| Research question is discussed on background ofprior evidence (1-5 points) | 1-5 |
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| Planned efforts of researcher to disseminate the 1-5results (1-5 points) |
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| **Total score research part (counts as 60%) max of 25** |
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|  | Difficulties encountered while preparing / working on research project (1-3 points) |  |
| **Researcher related** | 1-3 |
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|  | Barriers for the researcher to perform research [eg. personal situation, lack of support from universities] (1- 3 points) |  |
|  | 1-3 |
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|  | European country below average gross domestic product at purchasing power parity per capita\* (2 points) |  |
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| **max of 8** |
| **Total score researcher part (counts as 40%)** |
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| **Total Score 60% of 25 points plus 40% of 8 points\*\* max of 18** |
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**\* European Countries with a lower than average GDP:**

Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Spain, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, Slovenia, Lithuania, Latvia, Malta, Croatia, Turkey, F.Y.R.O.M. *(source:* [*http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/statistics\_explained/index.php/GDP\_per\_capita,\_consumption\_per\_ca*](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/statistics_explained/index.php/GDP_per_capita%2C_consumption_per_ca) *pita\_and\_price\_level\_indices)*

\*\* round half up