Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) Conference

Presentation in a COST Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) Conference is one of the networking activities which is organized through a Grant Awarding Process in a COST Action.

What is ITC Conference?

ITC Conference is basically an oral or poster presentation of the own work given by a Young Researchers and Innovators (YRI) affiliated in an Inclusiveness Target Country / Near Neighbour Country in one of the high-level conferences in a relevant field of study.

The aim of ITC Conferences is, in line with the COST Excellence and Inclusiveness principle, to support YRI affiliated in an ITC establishing a network and increasing visibility via active participation in high-level conferences. It also may benefit to the visibility of COST Action CA21122, PROmoting GeRiAtric Medicine in countries where it is still eMergING (PROGRAMMING).

The amount of the grant which has a maximum limit of EUR 2000,00 (per grant) for face-to-face conferences and EUR 500,00 (per grant) for virtual conferences, is to be decided by the Action Core Group considering the duration and location of the Conference and the actual conference fee. This funding aims to contribute for the expenses of travelling, accommodation, and subsistence in addition to the registration fee, printing of scientific poster and overall effort.

How to apply?

During an Active Grant Period, candidates will be able to reach online application platform in e-COST via their e-COST account to submit their applications. (If the candidate does not already have an e-COST account, could create one here.)

The information to be filled regarding the ITC Conference in e-COST consists of

- Title of the presentation

- Conference title, date (within the active Grant Period) and country

- Budget requested

- Attendance Type (face-to-face or virtual)

The supporting documentation to be uploaded to e-COST:

- ITC Conference Grant Application form (template available on e-COST)
Relevance of the conference topic to the Action and Motivation describing the potential for impact on the applicant's career.

- Acceptance letter from the conference organizers

- Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral or poster presentation

- A prerecorded ppt shortly explaining the submitted work (optional but strongly recommended)

- A confirmation statement that the candidate speaks English at least at B2 level.

Evaluation of the applications

In the evaluation process of the submitted applications, the submitted/accepted* abstract will be evaluated by the Core Group of the Action PROGRAMMING, on behalf of the Action Management Committee (MC) and according to the ITC Conference Evaluation Criteria which are determined and approved by the Action MC to prioritize the Action's objectives on the basis of the COST Excellence and Inclusiveness principle.

ITC Conference Evaluation Criteria

- Absolute requirements by definition of the COST: Young researchers and innovators (<40yo) coming from and ITC country and having a presentation either oral or poster accepted*
- Candidate coming from a country with emerging GM**(0/1 points)
- Active participation in the Action's specific tasks***(0/1/2 points)
- Relevance of the accepted presentation to the Action's topic (0/1/2 points)
  The submitted abstract will be evaluated by the Core Group

* The Core Group will pre-approve candidate grantees that have their abstracts submitted and in case the abstract is accepted they will be attributed the grant. In case of non-acceptance of the abstract, the next best candidature will be selected provided that he/she has his/her abstracts accepted.

**Countries with emerging GM will be defined in a list to be prepared according to publicly available official data- The list is to be announced.

*** Action's specific tasks are tasks and missions serving the Action's objectives, that will be defined by the Core Group according to the Action's evolving need and will be announced for each grant period accordingly

Upon approval of the ITC Conference Grant Application, the grantee will be notified with a letter.

Outcomes

The grantee is required to submit the Grant Report following the template provided on e-COST and additional supporting documents within 30 days from the end date of the ITC Conference or within 15 days from the end date of the Grant Period, whichever date comes first.

Required documents to be submitted in e-COST:

- Grant Report
- Certificate of attendance
- Program of the conference or book of abstracts / proceedings indicating the presentation (oral or poster)
- Copy of the given presentation (oral or poster)

The grant will be paid only after the approval of the submitted report and additional supporting documents.

Important Dates

Deadline for applications: ……………TBD…………2023

Deadline for evaluation of the applications: ………… TBD………2023

Deadline of for the end date of the conference: 31 October 2023