

**COST EMF-MED (Action BM1309):
European network for innovative uses of EMFs in biomedical applications**

Call for Interest for Inclusiveness Target Countries Conference Grants (ITC CGs)

COST has launched a new tool for supporting PhD students or Early Career Investigators (ECIs) from participating [Inclusiveness Target Countries to](#) attend international science and technology related conferences that are **not specifically organized by COST EMF-MED**. The grants are based on the accepted oral/poster presentation related to COST EMF-MED topics. The applicant presentation must be listed in the official event/conference program.

The main subject of the oral/poster presentation must be on the topic of the COST EMF-MED and must acknowledge COST EMF-MED. The application must be submitted at least 45 days before the conference start date.

A Conference Grant is a fixed financial contribution and does not necessarily cover all of the expenses related to participating in a given conference. Further details can be found in section 8 of [COST Vademecum](#).

Initially we plan to budget this activity with ca. 7000 euros. Selection criteria will include among others: benefit of the conference attendance (compatibility with COST EMF-MED; added-value for the applicant, home institution and COST Action EMF-MED). Attendance at European conferences is preferred. However, conferences held elsewhere can also be considered. Applicants can expect that the grants will be limited to up to 1000 euros for attending a conference in Europe and up to 1500 euros for conferences elsewhere.

In order to better schedule the call(s) and the grant distribution we are requesting from possible applicants to express their interest by sending a one page letter of interest by email to the ESTC (i.e. STSM coordinator), Prof. Stavros Koulouridis, email: koulouridis@upatras.gr. A copy (CC:) should be sent to Action Secretariat: COST-EMF-MED@fesb.hr. Subject of the email should start with "COST BM1309 – ITC CGs Interest" in order to allow for handling messages properly.

In their letter of interest the applicant should provide:

- 1) Title of the planned submission including a 5-10 lines abstract
- 2) Explanation of why the subject is in the interest of COST EMF-MED (if not obvious from the abstract)
- 3) Name of the conference, location and web address if exists
- 4) Projected date of the conference
- 5) Projected date of acceptance
- 6) Estimation of expenses (registration if known from this conference or past conferences of the same series, travel expenses, hotel expenses)

Please mind:

- This is a poll for interest. If you have a specific conference in mind, please answer this Call. Call for applications will follow. Your expression of interest is not the official application (which has to be submitted in eCOST), thus at this moment the interested applicants do not need to have an accepted conference submission.

- For the official application in eCOST, the conference should end within the current Grant Period (up to 15 April 2018). However, in view of potential Action extension up to 15 October 2018, you can express your interest for using ITC CG also for a conference ending within the projected extension date (15 October 2018), so that we can plan in advance.

Expression of interest does not warranty the acceptance of your potential upcoming official application. The Call for Interest will stay open and in parallel with application call(s) that will be issued. Reminders of this express of interest call will follow.

Stavros Koulouridis

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