**Funding for Dissemination Conference Grants,**

**Wildlife Malaria Network (CA22108 - WIMANET)**

Dissemination Conference Grants support the participation of Action members in high-level conferences organized by third parties (i.e., not organized or co-organized by the COST Action). The purpose is to enable the presentation of the work and results of the Action.

Dissemination Conference Grants aim to increase the visibility of the Action within the research community and to enhance the profile of the presenter. They also help attract new participants and stakeholders by facilitating the dissemination of Action outcomes to relevant end-users at high profile Conferences in the field, on topics aligned with the Action’s objectives.

Dissemination Conference Grants provide a contribution for travel, accommodation, subsistence expenses, and registration fee. Up to EUR 2,000 per grantee can be reimbursed for face to-face conferences, or up to EUR 500 for virtual conferences. More information can be found in Annex 2 – Section 1.2.2 of the Annotated Rules for COST Actions.

There will be two calls for Dissemination Conference Grants during 2025/26 grant period.

* **First call**: Opens on 20th October 2025 and close on 10th November 2025, for conferences taking place before 30th June 2026.
* **Second call**: Will open in early 2026 (dates to be announced).

**Eligibility Criteria**

* The Applicant must be a member of a Working Group within the WIMANET Action.
* The proposed contribution and its outcomes must be directly related to the objectives outlined in the Action’s Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and should discuss WIMANET outputs.
* **The conference must be organised by a third party, i.e., not organized or co-organized by the Action.**

**How to Apply**

Applications must be submitted via the **e-COST** **platform** and also e-mailed to the Grant Awarding Co-ordinator, Alexandra Corduneanu (alexandra.corduneanu@usamvcluj.ro), and the WIMANET e-mail (wimanet.science@gmail.com) in order to be considered.

Supporting documents to upload on the e-COST platform and submit via e-mail:

* Dissemination Conference Grant application (based on the e-COST template).
* Copy of the abstract of the accepted/submitted/proposed oral presentation.
* Acceptance (or invitation) letter from the conference organisers (if not yet available at submission, it must be provided before funding confirmation).
* CV and short description explaining how the proposed conference participation aligns with the scientific goals of the Action, as stated in its MoU.
* Budget based on realistic costs for accommodation and food (see attached budget template)

**Evaluation**

Submitted proposals will be evaluated by the Grant Awarding Coordinator and the WIMANET Core Group, who will assess the scientific merit and budget of each application.

Applicants will be notified of the evaluation results within 3 weeks after the submission.

**After Selection**

The selected researchers will have to acknowledge the COST Action in their conference presentation and related outputs. To receive reimbursement, the successful applicant will need to upload the following to e-COST platform after the event:

* A report (using the e-COST template).
* A certificate of attendance.
* A copy of the conference programme detailing the oral presentation.
* A copy of the presentation in pdf or similar format.