**Funding for Younger Researcher Conference Grants,**

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

**Younger Researcher conference grants** are grants aimed at younger researchers (<40 years of age) to attend beneficial international conferences that are not organized by COST Actions. YR Conference Grants provide contribution for travel, accommodation, and subsistence expenses, registration fee, and printing of scientific posters. Up to EUR 2000 per grantee for face to-face conferences or EUR 500 for virtual conferences can be reimbursed by COST. More information can be found in Annex 2-1.2.2 of the Annotated Rules for COST Actions.

There will be two calls for this grant during 2025/26. The first call for the Wildlife Malaria Network YR Conference Grants will open on 20th October 2025 and close on 10th November 2025, for conferences taking place before 30th June 2026. The second call will open in early 2026.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

● The Applicant must be a member of a Working Group in the Action WIMANET.

● The Applicant must be under 40 years of age.

● The Applicant must make an oral/poster presentation at the conference in question and must be listed in the official event/conference program. The main subject of the oral presentation / poster presentation at the approved conference must be on the topics of the WIMANET and must acknowledge COST.

● The participation of each applicant must be pre-approved by the Action Core Group.

**How to Apply:**

● Applicants must read carefully the rules detailed in the Annotated Rules for COST Actions

● Applicants must be registered at the Action’s COST website: https://e-services.cost.eu/user/login

● Applicants must fill in and submit the YR conference grant application form in the e-COST platform.

● Applicants must also be e-mailed to the Grant Awarding Co-ordinator, Alexandra Corduneanu (alexandra.corduneanu@usamvcluj.ro) and the WIMANET e-mail (wimanet.science@gmail.com)

Upload these supporting documents in the related page on e-COST:

● YR Conference grant application (based on e-COST template)

● Copy of the abstract of the accepted/submitted/proposed oral or poster presentation (funding will not be confirmed until the abstract is accepted)

● Acceptance letter from the conference organisers, if available (if not available at the time of application, this needs to be provided before funding can be confirmed)

● CV

● Budget based on realistic costs for accommodation and food (see attached budget template

**Evaluation:**

● After the deadline, the proposals will be evaluated by the Action Grant Awarding Coordinator and the Core Group of the WIMANET Network who will assess the scientific merit and budget of the proposals.

● It will be considered how well the proposed conference participation aligns with the scientific goals of the Action as laid out in its Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

The researchers who applied to the call will receive the results of the selection 2 weeks after the closing date.

The selected researchers will have to acknowledge the COST Action in their final contribution to the conference.