

**Announcement: Funding for Dissemination Conference Grants,
Wildlife Malaria Network (CA22108 - WIMANET)**

Dissemination Conference Grants support the participation of Action participants to high-level conferences organized by a third party, i.e. not organized nor co-organized by the COST Action, to present the work of the Action through an oral presentation.

Dissemination Conference Grants will help increase the visibility of the Action in the research community, and will contribute to increasing visibility of the presenter; moreover, it will attract additional participants and stakeholders by facilitating the dissemination of Action results to relevant end-users at high profile Conferences in the field on a topic relevant to the Action.

Dissemination Conference Grants provide contribution for travel, accommodation, and subsistence expenses, registration fee. 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 (<https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2023/11/COST-094-21-Annotated-Rules-for-COST-Actions-Level-C-V1.4-Final-.pdf>). Please check your eligibility before applying.

The call for applications for the Wildlife Malaria Network Dissemination Conference Grants will open on 10th July 2024 and close on 31st July 2024.

Eligibility Criteria:

- The Applicant must be a member of a Working Group in the Action WIMANET.
- The proposed contribution and its outcomes should be directly related to the Action MoU objectives, should significantly increase visibility of the Action within the research community, and should aim to attract additional participants and stakeholders, and disseminate Action results.
- The Applicant must deliver an oral presentation (poster presentations are not eligible)

The conference should be organised by a third party and not by the Action.

How to apply:

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

- Dissemination conference grant application (based on e-COST template) describing: Alignment with the Science Communication Plan adopted by the COST Action and Expected impact to the COST Action
- Conference, title, date and venue
- Budget requested, with breakdown of costs
- Attendance type (face to face or virtual)
- Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral presentation focused on promoting the scientific achievements and activities being performed by the COST Action

- Acceptance (or invitation) letter from the conference organisers (if available, if not provide a timeline when this will be available)
- Other documents required by the Action: CV and short description of how well the proposed conference participation aligns with the scientific goals of the Action as laid out in its Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Evaluation:

After the submission, 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.

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

Approved applications must then be submitted on the e-COST website for official approval after the start of the next grant period (1st November 2024).

For successful candidates:

Payment of the grant is by reimbursement within 30 days of submission of the end date of the conference, provided that:

- The researcher has acknowledged the COST Action in their final contribution to the conference.
- The researcher has submitted a report to the Action MC on the outcome of the presentation, contacts made and potential for future collaborations
- The researcher has submitted a certificate of attendance
- The researcher has submitted the programme of the conference or book of abstracts/proceedings indicating the presentation of the grantee
- The researcher has submitted a copy of the given presentation