



COST Action UV4growth ESR Newsletter
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COST Conference Grant

Dear All,

please note that the next collection date of **Conference Grants** available for Early Stage Researchers is 30st of September 2011. This is a date for Action Chairs to forward the applications of the best candidates to COST. The Chair is advised by TG3 (Technical Group of Training & Education) who need a few days to evaluate applications, therefore our deadline is earlier, **23rd of September 2011**.

This is a highly competitive grant, the Domain of Food and Agriculture will award three grants, so ESRs from our Action (FA0906) will compete with others coming from all COST Actions within the Food and Agriculture Domain.

ESRs (< PhD+8 years), can apply for a **max. 3000 euro** (per grant) to participate in an international conference outside the COST Action activities. This means that ESR from our Action can not use it for going to a UV conference. In the motivation letter, please emphasise that the topic of the conference is outside the activities of UV4growth. For a successful application I also suggest adding how the conference would be beneficial for your research (or PhD research/thesis).

The grant can be used **to cover travel and subsistence costs, conference fees, and the costs of conference workshops**. The Selection Process is handled during a Domain Committee meeting or by written procedure amongst the members of the Executive Group of the Domain Committee. Action Chairs send the applications of the best candidates.

In order to be eligible for the grant **an accepted oral communication or presentation is required** on a topic of food, animal or plant.

Information to be provided by the applicant:

- Personal data of applicant (Europass CV)
- Short description of involvement in the respective COST Action (300 words)
- Relevant data on Conference at which the applicant wants to participate
- Copy of Abstract submitted to the Conference
- Proof of acceptance of Abstract by the Conference
- Motivation letter
- Completed Summary of ESR Grant Application (see document attached to my email)

Would all applicants please **e-mail** the above documents to me (ehideg@brc.hu) and COST Action Chair Marcel Jansen (M.Jansen@ucc.ie) as attachments, **by noon (GMT) 23rd of September (Friday) 2011** writing "COST Conference Grant Application" in the subject field.

best wishes,

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