



SOUND control

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Standardizing output-based surveillance to control non-regulated diseases of cattle in the EU

An open call for ITC CONFERENCE GRANT

01 November 2020 – 31 October 2021

The COST Action CA17110 'Standardizing output-based surveillance to control non-regulated diseases of cattle in the EU – SOUND control' encourages and supports PhD students and ECI researchers from Participating ITC to attend international science and technology related conferences. Please note that conference grant in SOUND control should specifically contribute to the scientific objectives of the COST Action. The applicant must make an oral/poster presentation at the conference and must be listed in the official event/conference programme.

**Please note:
ITC Conference grant for
online and/or physical
scientific conferences are
possible**

WHO CAN APPLY

Conference Grants are exclusively reserved for PhD students and ECIs with a primary affiliation in an institution located in an ITC which is member of the SOUND control network. An applicant can be considered as being an ECI when the time that has elapsed between the award date of the applicants PhD and the date of the applicants first involvement in the COST Action 17110 does not exceed 8 years.

The application must be submitted at least 45 days before the conference start date. Please note that within COST Action 17110, only one conference grant can be offered per grant period.

The topic of the action includes the following aspects:

- Surveillance
- Gap analysis in monitoring and surveillance
- Disease status for endemic cattle disease
- User/ infrastructure needs to build CP
- Output-based surveillance
- Costs/ social aspects related to CPs

Other topics will individually be evaluated whether it fits the Cost Action.

Recommended conferences:

- ICAHS (<https://icahs4.org/>)
- SVEPM (<https://www.svepm.org.uk/>)
- WBC/EBC (<https://www.wbc-madrid2020.com/index.php/en/>)
- Disease specific (BVD/ Paratbc, etc.)
- ISSESAH (<http://www.isessah.com/>)
- EPIZONE (<https://www.epizone-eu.net/en/Home.htm>)
- INNOVSUR
- ISVEE (<http://www.isvee2021.ca/>)

Other conferences will individually be evaluated.

In principle, ITC grants will be applied for conferences within Europe. The public should be the target public of the Cost action. Conference outside of Europe should be relevant to Europe (for example ISVEE or WBC).

WHAT IS A CONFERENCE GRANT

A Conference Grant is a fixed financial contribution which takes into consideration the budget request of the applicant and the outcome of the evaluation of the application by the delegated person(s). Conference Grants do not necessarily cover all of the expenses related to participating in a given conference. A Conference Grant is a contribution to the overall travel, accommodation and meal expenses of the selected Grantee. The financial support is a contribution to the costs and may not cover all costs. The application must acknowledge COST rules (see Section 9 of [COST Vademecum](#)).

HOW TO APPLY

Interested researchers can apply by following the directions provided in the step-by-step guide on <https://www.cost.eu/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Inclusiveness-Target-Countries-Conference-Grants-userguide-V2-003-Oct-2018-1.pdf>.

EVALUATION

The application will be assessed by the ITC conference grant manager, against the scientific objectives outlined in the Action's Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The successful candidate will be chosen and approved by the management committee (MC).

AFTER THE CONFERENCE

The Grantee has 30 calendar days from the end date of the Conference in question to submit a scientific report to the Action Chair (or Vice-Chair if the Action Chair is affiliated to the Grant Holder Institution) and the Action's Grant Holder.

The report should not be less than 1 page and include the following:

1. Aims and objectives of the conference participation
2. Description of the poster or oral presentation
3. Attached the poster or oral presentation
4. Photos which confirm that the applicant has successfully completed the conference stay
5. Documentary evidence of the costs i.e. conference fee, travel, accommodation.
6. N.B. Failure to submit the scientific report in time will effectively cancel the grant.
7. The final report will be uploaded to the SOUND control webpage and the applicants agree with the upload of the final report when submitting the document.

For more general information on STSMs or conference grants, please contact ITC conference grant manager Beate Pinior (Beate.Pinior@vetmeduni.ac.at).

Yours sincerely

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