

Proposal to offer grants for young researchers who wish to present their work at the 34th Nordic Congress of Dermatology and Venereology in Gothenburg, Sweden

Dear members of the NDA,

The Nordic Dermatology Association would hereby like to propose that all our members (the national societies of Dermatology and Venereology of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden) offer grants to young researchers who wish to present a poster or a free communication at the 34<sup>th</sup> Nordic Congress of Dermatology and Venereology in Gothenburg, Sweden on May 8-10, 2019. Such grants would be co-financed by the NDA. A joint effort from all five societies and the NDA would allow a larger number of young talented researchers to present their work at our big event next year.

We propose that a total of 26 grants with a value of 7,000 SEK/grant be offered to young researchers in the Nordic countries who have still not obtained their PhD or who have done so after January 1, 2017. Considering the varying number of active members in the national societies, the suggested number of grants per society is: 10 grants from Sweden; 5 from Denmark, Finland and Norway and 1 from Iceland. The NDA will reimburse each national society with 3,000 SEK/grant afterwards. Grants should be offered on a first-come, first-served basis and the grant should be used solely to fund attendance to the 34<sup>th</sup> Nordic Congress of Dermatology and Venereology.

The grants should be announced by each national board and awarded according to a first-come, first-served basis. The grant money may be paid directly to the researcher if they finance their congress attendance on their own or to the researcher's employer if they are the ones who finance congress attendance. Preferably, the grant money should be paid after the recipients have submitted an abstract to the congress and completed their registration to the congress on our website: <a href="https://www.nordicderm2019.com">www.nordicderm2019.com</a>. Reimbursement from the NDA will be paid after the congress has concluded.

We hope you all agree on accepting this proposal and look forward to seeing you all in Gothenburg next year!

Best regards,

President of the NDA

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