

Call for Applications

ICPerMed

RECOGNITION 2023

"Fostering PM implementation through research"

Submission deadline for applications: April 30th, 2023

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General description

The 2023 Recognition aims to honour, encourage, promote and disseminate the examples of implementation through research in personalised medicine.

First authors (applicants from any countries) of candidate proposals published and/or developed between January 1st, 2021 and December 31st, 2022 are eligible to apply.

The deadline for proposal submission will be April 30th, 2023.

The selected authors will be invited to the next ICPeMed Workshop taking place in November 2023 and will be given the opportunity to present their results during a plenary session to stakeholders interested in the area of PM.

If the first author cannot be present during the workshop, he/she should delegate to another author of the proposal.

In addition, the successful candidates will receive a € 500 worth non – cash support for the dissemination of the implementation by the ICPeMed Secretariat.

Topic of the call

The application has to cover at least one of three defined topics linked to the “Implementation through research in Personalised Medicine”.

The implementation can consist of one or several of the following:

1. Scientific paper focused on novel approaches for the implementation of PM
2. Training programmes for health personnel, increasing the level of awareness on the potential of PM
3. Examples of interdisciplinary or inter-sectoral groups of collaboration (governmental and non-governmental organizations, academic management, medical research and Health Care and Industry for the Implementation of PM, including Ethical, Legal and Social Issues (ELSI) activities).

Eligibility criteria

- Number of selected proposals: a maximum number of three candidates will be selected.
- The main contact person (e.g. coordinator) of the application has to be the first author of the work.

Applicants should belong to one of the following groups:

- Researchers
- Representatives of Patient organisations
- Representatives of health care providers and insurances
- Health Care Professionals, like nurses and GPs
- Medical Education Professionals
- Employees of private sector / industry

Application

The application consists of the following documents, bundled together into a single .doc file:

1. an application form describing in detail the implementation approach and intended dissemination approach
2. a short bio-sketch (maximum 1000 characters for each applicant)

Only one submission per candidate will be accepted

The proposal (only documents submitted in English will be considered eligible) must be submitted electronically using the form, available on the ICPeMed website, and sent in .doc format to the following address: ICPeMed Secretariat Ministry of Health (IT) healthresearch@sanita.it

Evaluation

Proposal Evaluation

Proposals will be evaluated in a one-stage process by selecting researchers experienced in the topic supported by the Secretariat members, with final approval by the ICPeMed Executive Committee.

The proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Knowledge Production

- Peer reviewed publications and citations
- Other publications such as books, book chapters, editorials or bulletins
- Presentations to national and international conferences
- Research reports and 'grey literature' produced
- Cochrane systematic reviews produced

2. Research capacity - building and targeting

- Education and training of personnel such as clinicians, health professionals and scientists higher degrees, such as PhD, obtained by research personnel
- Research personnel attracted from overseas and retention of personnel
- Spin-off projects developed and further research funding leveraged
- Development and use of novel research techniques
- Establishment of new datasets, databases or research data lodged in national database
- New national/international collaborations or strategic partnerships formed with other research teams, industrial partners or health agencies
- Internationalisation of research: Involvement of researchers with different European origin and global health research initiatives

3. Informing policy and practice

- Dissemination and knowledge-transfer events or networks established with research
- 'users' such as policy-makers and health professionals
- Advisory roles of involved researchers to government and policy-makers
- Commissioned reports from government departments or agencies
- Policy briefing papers, practical handbooks and other grey material disseminated to research users
- Contribution of research to clinical treatment or implementation guidelines
- Public outreach and dissemination through media and other

4. Population health and health sector benefits

- Contribution of respective research to health promotion initiatives
- Randomized control trials completed and new interventions established as a result

- Numbers of patients enrolled on clinical trials or engaged with studies undertaken in clinical research facilities
- Contribution of respective research to actual health benefits for the general public
- Savings to the health system through gains in health service efficiency, improved primary care or introduction of preventative health measures, where the respective research/personnel contributed to this
- Reduced health inequalities in health status and healthcare through where respective research/personnel contributed to this
- Increased availability of local pool of evidence and evidence “generators” to health
- policy-makers and health practitioners on the regional, national, European and/or international level

5. Economic impacts

- Patents, invention disclosures and other IP applications and award of commercialization support grants to develop marketable products
- License agreements and revenues generated as a result
- Spin-out companies formed and employment gained
- Success of involved personnel in attaining international research funding, for example through EU Framework Programmes
- Success of involved research facilities and centres in attracting and maintaining PhD qualified research workforce
- Proxy measures of enhanced international reputation of participating partners and their respective countries for health research (e.g. by attracting pharma industry R&D; formal ; collaborative partnerships developed between researchers and industry)
- Economic Gross Domestic Product gains from improved patient care and population health where link to the respective research/study can be established

For each criterion, the proposal will be scored from 1 to 5 (half marks are possible).

Threshold for average of each criteria >2.

0. The proposal cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information;
1. Poor: there are serious inherent weaknesses;
2. Fair: the proposal broadly addresses the criterion but there are significant weaknesses;
3. Good: the proposal addresses the criterion well but with a number of shortcomings;
4. Very good: the proposal addresses the criterion very well but with a small number of shortcomings;
5. Excellent: the proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion; any shortcomings are minor

A higher score will be given to the application that concretely covers more than one of the given topics (two topics included: + 0,5; max. score allowed when three topics are covered: +1):

1. Scientific paper focused on novel approaches for the implementation of PM
2. Training programmes for health personnel, increasing the level of awareness on the potential of PM
3. Examples for interdisciplinary or intersectoral groups of collaboration (governmental and non-governmental organizations, academic management, medical research and Health Care), for the implementation of PM, including Ethical, Legal and Social Issues (ELSI) activities.

Based on the evaluation, the highest ranking proposal for each topic will receive the prize. These resumes will be published via ICPeMed website.

Evaluation process

- 1 — Individual evaluation by experts.
- 2 — Agreement by ExCom partners.

Expert evaluation:

Experts work individually. Each expert gives a score for each criterion, with explanatory comments, and prepares an 'individual evaluation report (IER)'. They also indicate if the proposal falls entirely outside the scope of the call they are evaluating.

After carrying out an individual evaluation, in case discrepancies are found between the scores, the experts who have evaluated the same proposal will join in a consensus group, to agree on a common position, including comments and scores.

Each group is assisted by the Secretariat who seeks an impartial consensus and ensures that each proposal is evaluated fairly, according to the evaluation criteria.

If the number of applications is higher than 50, the ICPeMed Secretariat will explore the need of a face to face meeting with the Panel of evaluators. The participation of two Steering Board members and/or Secretariat members as observers could be considered.

The grants will be recognised based on the ranking and the available funds for the year.

Applicants will receive notification of the funding decision, as well as the summaries of the reviewers' comments. A list of successful applicants will be published on the ICPeMed website. There is no appeal process.

Dissemination Scheme

The objective of this recognition is to encourage and disseminate implementation through research in personalised medicine. With this vision, the awardees will be invited to the ICPeMed Workshop 2023, which will take place in Siena, and will be given the opportunity to present their results during a plenary session. In addition, the successful candidates will receive a €500.00 worth non-cash support for the dissemination of the implementation example by the ICPeMed Secretariat (to be required within February 2024). Recognition awardees should provide publishable summary for ICPeMed website and funding information to the Secretariat. The aim of this dissemination is to provide the winner with an opportunity to seek supplementary dissemination activities that will accelerate and maximise the potential impact of the research findings and learnings gained on implementation in PM. The dissemination responsibility will be centred on ICPeMed and the package of dissemination will be aligned with the current stage of the research process and with the target audience/s.

Management

The information on the ICPeMed Recognition 2023 will be available on the ICPeMed webpage.

The ICPeMed Secretariat will be responsible for the management of the evaluation process. The applicants will be informed about the decisions individually by the ICPeMed Secretariat only after is reached the consensus by the ICPeMed ExCom.

Ceremony for Recognition Presentation

The selected proposals will be invited as a special ICPeMed lecturer in the Autumn 2023 ICPeMed Event (date to be confirmed). Travel costs related to the awardees will be covered by ICPeMed.

Call Schedule

Date	Activity
Feb 15, 2023	Preliminary Announcement
Feb 22, 2023	Launch of the call
April 30th, 2023	Deadline for presenting proposals
July xx, 2023	Deadline for Evaluation/selection of proposal
September xx, 2023	Selection Communication
November xx, 2023	Recognition 2023 Ceremony