



EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR  
COMMUNICATION IN HEALTHCARE

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Julius & Regine Steffens Junior Investigators Grants**

**2 workshops**

**23<sup>rd</sup>–26<sup>th</sup> August and 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> August 2009  
Vna, Switzerland**

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#### **Background**

Thanks to a highly appreciated gift from Julius and Regine Steffens EACH is happy to invite junior investigators to apply for a grant that will enable them to participate in one of two three-day investigators workshops in August 2009. The aim of each workshop is to stimulate talented communication investigators in the early stages of their career to exchange ideas and discuss their current work. They may thus start to create a network. Senior researchers from the EACH Research Committee (R-EACH) will serve as facilitators and supervisors during the workshop.

#### **Format**

The junior investigator workshop will be held in Vnà, a small village in the Swiss mountains in Engadina. The first will run from Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup> to mid day on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> and the second from mid afternoon on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> to lunch time on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 2009. The workshop will be held twice each with eight participants to give more investigators the opportunity to take part.

During the two and a half days, participants are invited to present the personal interests and challenges (theoretical, methodological, practical) in their ongoing work. The majority of time will be spent in one to one, small group and plenary session discussions. There will also be faculty led workshops on key issues in research. Details of the programme and the locations will be provided later.

#### **Faculty**

The faculty involves the members of the EACH Research Committee: Prof Dr Jozien Bensing (Nivel, The Netherlands), Prof Dr Myriam Deveugele (University of Gent, Belgium), Dr Hilde Eide (Oslo University College, Norway), Prof Dr Hanneke de Haes (Academic Medical Centre, Amsterdam, The Netherlands), Dr Cathy Heaven (Maguire Unit, Manchester, UK), Prof Dr Wolf Langewitz (University of Basel, Switzerland)

#### **Grant**

The Grant covers all workshop costs, accommodation, meals and activities, during the 3 days. Travel costs are **NOT covered**. Candidates need to make their own travel arrangements.

#### **Who could apply?**

Any junior investigator who is a member of EACH<sup>1</sup> and is active in the field of communication research. We especially invite young investigators who have not yet finished their PhD or those who did so in the past two years. Previous candidates may re-apply. Candidates will be selected based on the following:

- ◆ EACH member currently researching a relevant communication issues
- ◆ Suitable stage of career
- ◆ Clarity and motivation in how they wish to use the workshop to enhance their research work
- ◆ Quality of Work

In planning the programme the faculty will also take into consideration the international balance of the candidates, topics and stage of research.

#### **Grant application**

Candidates are invited to submit their grant proposal, a personal statement (Max 1 A4 Side) of their motivation to become part of a network, and their CV by **27<sup>th</sup> March 2009**. The application should clearly state what the candidate hopes to gain from the workshop opportunity. The application must be accompanied by a letter from the candidate's supervisors to provide written support of the candidates' application, and this must include confirmation that they are proficient in English.

The proposal should be sent by email to Prof M Deveugele, Chair of R-EACH: [myriam.deveugele@ugent.be](mailto:myriam.deveugele@ugent.be)

Notification of awarding will be received by **17<sup>th</sup> April 2009**. Successful applicants are asked to confirm their participation by **1<sup>st</sup> May 2009**.

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<sup>1</sup>Those who are not currently a member can become on if being selected for the workshop at the EACH homepage: <http://www.each.nl>

## How to come to Vnà?

By train and bus:

Zürich to Vnà appr. 3.5 hours (190 km)

St. Gallen to Vnà appr. 4 hours (170 km)

Innsbruck to Vnà appr. 3.5 hours (120 km)

