Re: Young researcher travel grants to Euroscience Open Forum, July, 2018, in Toulouse, France

Dear colleague

Students, scientists, teachers, journalists, politicians, investors, researchers from public and private sectors, and ordinary citizens will gather in Toulouse, France from 9-14 July 2018 to take part in the EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF2018).

ESOF is a European meeting held every two years, dedicated to scientific research and innovation. It was conceived by EuroScience as a unique opportunity in Europe to:

- Present and discuss the frontiers of scientific and technological advancement, the relationship between science and society and the policies supporting research,
- Provide career opportunities for graduate students and young researchers,
- Meet leading scientific personalities,
- Bring scientific themes closer to the general public.

ESOF includes a Careers Programme specifically dedicated to the interests and concerns of PhD students, young post-docs and early-career researchers. All the ESOF Programmes (Careers, Scientific, Science-2-Business) are built with a bottom-up approach via an open call for proposals.

ESOF provides young researchers with a unique opportunity to meet and engage with leading scientists from fields outside their own speciality. We are seeking support to make it possible for young researchers to learn from and contribute to the meeting. We are addressing this letter to you in order to ask to consider providing a number of travel grants (of the order of €900) to enable young researchers to participate in ESOF2018.

The EuroScience Office in Strasbourg will help you with organisational matters connected with the launch of the call and selection procedure and the Toulouse team will provide assistance concerning travel booking and local accommodation.

One of the aims of the Forum is to help address those challenges that will be the most vital for Europe. We think it is fundamental to ensure the participation of young researchers in this important debate.

We would like to continue the dialogue, possibly through a meeting or a teleconference. Please contact marie.suchanova@euroscience.org.

Yours sincerely,

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