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50 travel grants to attend ESO2008 Barcelona, 18-22 July 2008

PRESENTATION AND CONDITIONS FOR TRAVEL GRANTS

1. - Purpose

The Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology (FECYT), the Spanish Council for Scientific Research (CSIC) and the Catalan Foundation for Research and Innovation (FCRI) offer 50 travel grants (max. 300 EUR each) to help young researchers who are related to Spanish universities, institutions or research centres and who may wish to attend ESO2008. The travel grants will be available to defray expenses of attending ESO2008.

ESO2008 is promoted by Euroscience, founded in 1997, that represents European scientist of all disciplines in the public sector, universities, research institutes as well as business and industry. Euroscience acts as a discussion group and a policy lobby in order to contribute to the creation of an integrated space for research in Europe.

The Euroscience Open Forum is held every other year, visiting the major scientific cities of Europe. Barcelona will host ESO2008 from 18-22 July 2008, and is commissioned by the Catalan Foundation for Research and Innovation (FCRI). There have been two ESOFs to date, in Stockholm in 2004 and in Munich in 2006. Turin will host ESO2010 in 2010.

ESOF is open platform for debate and communication about science and technology to stimulate and to foster a social awareness of and interest in science. ESO2008 brings Europe's science community together under a general motto of *science for a better life*. ESO2008's target audiences are: scientists and researchers, policy-makers and science managers, business people, science communicators, journalists and general public.

At ESO2008 there will be a broad scientific programme, a *Career Programme*, *Outreach* activities aimed at general public, and a research and innovation exhibition, satellite and social events. The scientific programme in this edition is built upon the following issues:

- The human mind and behaviour
- The very big and the very small
- Maintaining an Open Society through science
- Engineering the body
- What should we eat and how should we look like?
- Enhancing energy security, fighting global warming
- Science Policy and Innovation
- Science and Art
- Screening: burdens and benefits
- Communicating science



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Through practical sessions, panel discussions, debates, presentations and networking events, the **Career Programme** will publicise the opportunities open to young and mid-career researchers in Europe and around the world. In “Paella with the Prof”, young researchers will be able to benefit from the experience and inspiration of Europe’s leading researchers in intimate and informal get-togethers.

2. – Who can apply

PhD students, recent postdocs, young researchers or science communicators below the age of 35*, who are related to Spanish universities, institutions or research centres or other organisations relating to the Spanish R&D and innovation system.

* Born after 1st January 1973.

3. - Application

1. To complete the application form available at any of the following web pages: www.fecyt.es, www.csic.es and www.fcricat.cat;
2. To attach a brief *curriculum vitae* (up to 3 pages long) to the application form.

The announcing organisations reserve the right to request any document proving the information provided.

On submitting the application form for travel grants, you agree to the full acceptance of the rules and to the decision taken by the Evaluation Committee.

The **deadline** for applications for travel grants is **12th April 2008 at 18.00 pm** (Madrid GTM).

4. – Obligations of beneficiaries

1. Beneficiaries must confirm by email (becasESOF@fecyt.es) that they accept the travel grant. A proof of payment of registration fee should be submitted before 30 May 2008.
2. Once ESO2008 is finished, beneficiaries must fill in the travel grant evaluation form, that will be available from the web pages above-mentioned. The questionnaire will include basic questions about the assessment and development of ESO2008. It should be submitted before 5 September 2008.

5. – Number of travel grants and funding

The FEICYT, the CSIC and the FCRI offers:

50 travel grants of EUR 300 each one to defray the registration fee and the reasonable expenses of travel, board and keep during the ESO2008.

The recipient of travel grants include applicants who satisfy the requirements set forth in the section 2 of this call.

Applicants living in the Barcelona province are awarded a travel grant of EUR 100 each of one.



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The travel grants will be taxed in accordance with the Spanish legislation in force, whether or not applicants were Spanish or not.

Travel grants are only available to assist those who may wish to attend ESO2008; they do not support the total expenses of registration fee, travel, board and keep.

Payment will be made within a period of 60 days after checking that travel grant awardees have been attend ESO2008 and the travel grant evaluation form described in the section 4.2 has been submitted.

5. – Evaluation and decision

A decision is taken by an Evaluation Committee, which will be appointed by the announcing organisations and members of the ESO2008 Organising Committee.

The eligibility criteria will be based on the curriculum assessment and the applicant's interest in attending ESO2008. The Evaluation Committee will highly evaluate applicants who believe attending ESO2008 will help in their job and career development.

The decision will be communicated by email and will be announced at the web page www.fecyt.es from 12th May 2008.

Further information on ESO2008 at www.esof2008.org.

6. – Deadlines (2008)

- **18th February:** the call for applications is open.
- **15th April** (at 18.00 pm): the deadline for applications for travel grants.
- **From 12th May:** the recipients of the travel grants will be decided.
- **Before 30th May:** travel grants awardees are required to confirm their acceptance of the travel grant and to submit a proof of the payment of registration fee.
- **From 18th - 22nd July:** Euroscience Open Forum 2008.
- **Before 5th September:** travel grants awardees are required to submit the travel grant evaluation form.