



## 5<sup>th</sup> Vasco da Gama Movement Forum

26-27 January 2018, Porto, Portugal

### Call for Abstracts - Invitation Letter

Dear Prof Felicity Goodyear-Smith  
WONCA Working Party on Research,

The 5<sup>th</sup> Forum of the Vasco da Gama Movement (VdGM), the European Network for New and Future Family Doctors, will take place in Porto, Portugal, on January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> 2018.

The theme, “*Stronger together: charting the course to navigate the future*”, evokes the need for Family Doctors need to work together, with patients, local communities and other health professionals and stakeholders, to find ways to provide the best possible care.

With this in mind we planned a Forum to tie our speakers, sessions and activities by inspiring team building and teamwork, namely on each of the following sub-themes:

01. Education, training and continuing professional development in Family Medicine
02. Research in Family Medicine
03. Quality and Safety in Family Medicine
04. Preventive care and quaternary prevention
05. Rural practice
06. Environmental health
07. Ethics in practice, education and research in Primary Care
08. eHealth and Social Media
09. Occupational health
10. Elderly care, multimorbidity, polypharmacy and complexities in health
11. Generalist palliative care
12. Equity, minorities' health and family violence
13. Migrant care, international health and travel medicine
14. Classification of Family Medicine consultations
15. Infectious, genetic and non-communicable diseases
16. Urgent care and Emergency Medicine
17. Conflict and catastrophe medicine
18. Point of care testing
19. The future of the New and Future Family Doctors

It gives us a great pleasure to invite you and your organization to submit abstracts on the sub-theme(s) that is/are your area(s) of expertise.



You may find the abstract submission guidelines on our webpage:

<http://vdgm.woncaeurope.org/5vdgmf/abstract-submission>.

Abstracts may fall into the categories of **Oral presentations**, **Posters**, and/or **Unconference sessions**. The traditional “Oral presentations” and “Posters” will give you the chance to present your clinical and scientific work. On the other hand, the innovative “Unconference sessions” are participant-driven and wish to complement the scientific program. “Unconference sessions” include: **Ignite presentations**, where you can pitch an idea and share information that would not fit in the usual Oral/Poster presentations; **Workshops**, where you can teach skills or develop a hands-on approach; and the **Special sessions**, where you may submit question(s)/challenge(s) that will be discussed during the Forum. With these proposals we wish to build a more dynamic event, extending dialogue and knowledge exchange that goes beyond of what is usually provided in the regular sessions.

The deadline for submissions is **September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. For more information, please visit our website: <http://vdgm.woncaeurope.org/5vdgmf/welcome>.

We would be very happy to have the opportunity to hear about your knowledge and experience during the 5th VdGM Forum. Please feel free to share this invitation within your organization and with other Family Doctors, be they in training, newly qualified or experienced doctors.

We would like to thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

We look forward to you joining us in this event.

Yours sincerely,

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President of the Host Organizing Committee

Luís de Pinho Costa  
Chair of the Scientific Committee

