GUIDELINES FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR INVITED SYMPOSIA SPEAKERS AND AUTHORS OF ACCEPTED ABSTRACTS
Deadline for applying is Friday 28 June, 2019

Who is eligible to apply:
The Union is pleased to cover a limited number of conference registration fees and/or transportation costs and/or hotel accommodation to the 50th Union World Conference on Lung Health. Invited presenters of oral abstracts, symposia presentations and poster presentations who would be unable to attend the conference without financial assistance are eligible to apply. Individuals from low and lower income countries, as well as those who can demonstrate partial funding for attendance, will be given priority. The number of grants awarded will vary annually, depending upon the amount of funding available.

Who will review the applications:
The applications will be reviewed by members of The Union Coordinating Committee on Scientific Activities (CCSA) and one member of the Bureau or Executive Management Team. In addition to the support offered by The Union, we will seek external grants and donations for additional travel grants and conference registrations. Additional support made available through funding provided by donors (if any) will be allocated to applicants who meet their specific requirements regarding country of work, profession, etc.

Minimum eligibility criteria:
- Invited to present an abstract or symposium at Hyderabad World Conference.
- Currently working or volunteering for a programme or research project in lung health.

Application process:
By the stated deadline (June 28), applicants must complete the application, submit a motivation letter, and provide two letters of support, as outlined below (formats accepted are, PDF, doc, docx):
1. One-page letter of motivation including the following points (please note that CVs will not be accepted or reviewed):
   a. Your current activities in lung health
   b. Your contribution to Hyderabad conference
   c. Your plans for disseminating the knowledge you gain at the conference upon your return home
2. Two letters of support, one from a peer and one from a supervisor or supporting institution (e.g., academic department, NGO, government, association, umbrella organisation).

Applications are open from Monday June 10 until Friday 28 June.

Responsibilities of travel grant recipients:
- Communicate with Union travel services to coordinate travel arrangements in case transportation cost is covered.
- Contact the home country’s embassy about travel requirements to the conference host country and make arrangements necessary for securing my visa. (apply here)
- Ensure I have a valid passport, which includes validity for at least six months after the return travel date and adequate number of pages for entering the country where the conference will be held.
- Share feedback and experiences with The Union Scholarships team in the post-conference report and work with Communications to engage on social media during and after the conference (more details will be shared with successful applicants).

Should any of these requirements not be fulfilled, the award may be revoked and repayable to The Union, and future applications for grants will not be considered.