

The Julian Costello Travel Bursaries

Opportunity for Future Leaders in Primary Health and Care Informatics to attend the Medical Informatics Europe (MIE) 2024 in Athens

The Primary Health Care Specialist Group (PHCSG) is advertising two £1,750 travel awards for Health and Care Informaticians to attend Medical Informatics Europe (MIE) 2024 in Athens on 25th – 29th August. MIE is the annual European Informatics conference co-organised by the European Federation of Medical Informatics (EFMI). The awards are named in memory of [Dr Julian Costello](#) a long-time member of the PHCSG.

These awards are specifically for applicants whose main area of informatics interest is primary care, be they working in primary care, a primary care support organisation or primary care related research, whatever their discipline and however part time. This would include those in vocational training.

The applicants must be early in their health informatics career (5 years or less), not necessarily in their clinical career if relevant and should be able to show the potential to be a future leader in the field. They are aimed specifically at those who can show potential and enthusiasm for the discipline, not those who are already well established in their careers.

Other characteristics which will also be considered are:

- Undertaking a post graduate degree in health informatics at a UK university
- A member of the current digital academy cohort
- Working in a Digital Health role
- Demonstrable potential to make a meaningful contribution to Health and Care Informatics.

The winning applicants will be expected to join the Primary Health Care Specialist Group (PHCSG) as soon as possible. The British Computer Society (BCS) is a member of EFMI and membership of BCS will get the reduced member's rate. When registering for the MIE conference the early bird rate ends on 30th May 2024

To apply you need to write a proposal on one side of A4, maximum 800 words, in the following structure:

- Who are you, how do you meet the award criteria and why do you want to attend?
- Make clear how are you involved in **Primary Care** informatics.
- What areas of health informatics covered by the conference are of most interest and relevance to you?
- How can you help promote Health and Care Informatics?
- How will attendance contribute to your personal and career development?

Submit your application as a word document or pdf file attachment and send it to secretary@phcsg.org.uk with a copy to john@fairstead.net

The closing date for applications is Monday 8th April 2024 at 5pm.

Applications will be reviewed, and the winner selected by a subgroup of the Primary Healthcare Specialist group committee. The committee decision is final. The winner will be notified no later than 30th April. The winner must commit to registering for the conference and ensuring active membership of PHCSG as soon as possible and be able to claim all travel expenses (to a maximum total budget of £1,750 including the members rate conference fee, travel, accommodation, and subsistence) by **30th September 2024**.

The winners will:

- Be asked to write a 1000-word blog for the PHCSG website.
- Be asked to contribute to social media during the event. To be agreed with the PHCSG social media representative prior to the event.
- May be asked to produce a paper, poster or video on learning from the conference to be presented at the PHCSG conference in the autumn.

Full details about MIE 2024 can be found at <https://mie2024.org/>

Enquiries should be submitted to john@fairstead.net

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