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Attention: EFIM National Societies of Internal Medicine

Dear Friends and Colleagues

### **FDIME Announces the Availability of Research Grants for the study of Rare Diseases**

At the EFIM Congress in Madrid, FDIME awarded the first Research Grants to 2 young internists from France and The Netherlands who will carry out Rare Disease Research Projects.

FDIME is now inviting applications for 3 Research Grants (up to 20,000 Euros each) that will be awarded next year during the EFIM Congress in Prague. We need your help in circulating the Announcement to eligible young internists to encourage high quality applications to be submitted by the closing date of **30 March 2013**. The Announcement and application form are enclosed.

Young internists (up to the age of 38 years) from EFIM member countries are the target audience. The eligibility criteria must be met; as set out on the Announcement.

In order to promote European exchanges, we prefer the projects to be undertaken outside the YI's country of residence as the funding is intended to support living expenses whilst the young internists undertake the research away from their home country.

We ask you to advertise the Announcement to potential candidates via your National Society website, Newsletter, or by e-mail to your members.

Applicants are required to identify their own Research Project and find a study location to undertake the research. If your local hospital/research institute plans to commence a Rare Disease Project later next year, please let us know the research title and send us the project proposal (if it is available) and contact details of the Chief Investigator. Our aim is to obtain a list of available projects in other European countries. This will enable us to pass on the information to potential candidates who are keen to apply for a Research Grant but experience difficulty in finding a study location outside their home country.

If you are able to help either by nominating candidates or by providing details of Rare Disease Research Projects in your country, please contact Janet Stevens e-mail: [info@janetstevens.org](mailto:info@janetstevens.org)  
Details are also on our website: <http://www.fdime.org/rarediseases-2013.html>

With kind regards

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