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Call for ConGen European Research Consortia [OPEN]

The ESF Research Networking Programme on "Integrating Population Genetics and Conservation Biology: merging theoretical, experimental and applied approaches" (ConGen) aims at providing a venue for concerted action in the field of conservation genetics combining and integrating theoretical, experimental and applied approaches. The Programme, which runs until November 2009, pursues these objectives by training young scientists through travel, exchange grants and courses, and by organising workshops.

To ensure long-standing collaborative research in the field of conservation genetics beyond November 2009, the Steering Committee (SC) has decided to promote and stimulate the establishment of **European Research Consortia** that successfully can apply for research funding from different granting organisations like the EU. To this end, the SC has decided to provide funding to organise an initiating discussion meeting between prospective collaborating researchers. ConGen is offering a maximum of **7500 EUR** for such a **2-3-day meeting**. We expect collaboration between researchers from **at least four different European countries**. The Call is open for all researchers working within or having affiliations to institutions eligible for support by, or which are part of, agencies that are Member of the ESF. However, some preferences may be given to consortia which include a significant number of, or are chaired by, researchers from ConGen contributing countries (<http://www.congen.biz> or <http://www.esf.org/congen>).

Application procedure

Applications should be submitted **online**, and should include:

- (i) a clear description of the long-term aims of the consortium and the research questions addressed (1 A4 page),
- (ii) prospects about the possibility of getting further funding in a general way
- (iii) name and affiliation of all participants of the consortium including a short CV providing expertise and five recent relevant publications of each participants
- (iv) the name of the researcher leading the consortium (Chair) responsible for the application
- (v) and a calculation of the costs of the meeting.

Online Application Form

Deadline

The next ConGen SC meeting is scheduled for the first week of March 2008. We, therefore, would like to receive **pre-applications** by **1 March 2008**, so that the SC already can get an impression of the prospective at its meeting. Please send your pre-application by email to the Chair and Co-Chair of the Programme, namely **Kuke Bijlsma** (r.bijlsma@rug.nl) and **Volker Loeschcke** (volker.loeschcke@biology.au.dk).

The deadline for submitting **full applications** online is **1 April 2008**.

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