



**European  
Young  
Family  
Doctors'  
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## **Fons Sips Outstanding Achievement Award**

### **BACKGROUND**

In 2016, the Fons Sips Outstanding Achievement Award was created in honour of the contributions of one of EYFDM's (at that time VdGM) founding fathers, Alphons Jacobus Ignatius. It was created in order to ensure that the heritage and history of the movement was not forgotten and in order to recognise great work and contribution of its members. The celebratory action was tinged with profound sadness as Fons Sips passed away shortly after its creation. The inaugural award was awarded to Fons Sips in memoriam and we were joined by his family in honouring him at the WONCA Europe Conference in Prague 2017.

In 2021 WONCA World created the Rising Star Award which aims to recognize a young doctor who has demonstrated a drive for excellence in Health Care. Each of the seven Young Doctors Movements designates its candidate for the WONCA World Rising Star Award, the winner is announced at the WONCA World Conference. The winner of the biannual Fons Sips Outstanding Achievement Award becomes EYFDM's nominee for the WONCA World Rising Star Award. It is our privilege and honor to present one of the EYFDM members side by side with other YDM's candidates to the world audience of family physicians.

## **AIMS**

The fusion of the awards underlines the value of each and will to acknowledge the accomplishments of the young general practitioners. But despite its new global scale, the Fons Sips Outstanding Achievement Award remains first and foremost the chance for EYFDM members to appreciate their colleagues' achievements and passion for Family Medicine, as well as their commitment to EYFDM community. It continues to be an award "by the members, for the members".

## **JURY**

### **Fons Sips Outstanding Achievement Award**

The nominations will be evaluated by a jury consisting of EYFDM Executive members, Council members Fons Sips family members.

### **WONCA World Rising Star Award**

The nomination will be evaluated by a jury consisting of seven Young Doctor Movements representatives.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

Nominations will be requested from the EYFDM members.

### **Nominator must be:**

1. A "young doctor", meaning family medicine/general practice trainee or within 5 years of completing her/his training

### **Nominee must be:**

1. A "young doctor", meaning family medicine/general practice trainee or within 5 years of completing her/his training (the status must be still valid by the month of WONCA World Conference 2025)
2. A registered member of a WONCA Europe National Member Organisation

Nominators should demonstrate the nominees' outstanding achievements in the field of family medicine and contribution to EYFDM, the European Young Family Doctors Movement of WONCA.

## DOCUMENTS

To nominate a colleague, please provide:

1. A letter of consent from the nominee saved as „Name of the nominee\_Consent\_ FSA2025"
2. Evidence of the nominee's "young doctor" status saved as „Name of the nominee\_Status\_ FSA2025"
3. A completed template of a nomination letter outlining why the nominee should be considered for the award saved as „Name of the nominee\_NL\_ FSA2025"

All documents and potential questions should be sent to [awards@eyfdm.eu](mailto:awards@eyfdm.eu)

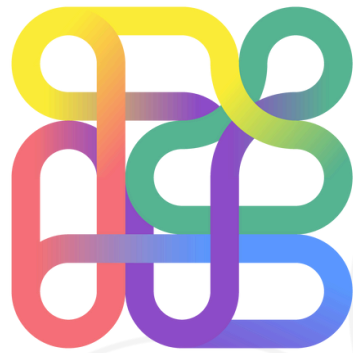
## CALENDAR

All documents should be sent to [awards@eyfdm.eu](mailto:awards@eyfdm.eu) by the **31th of March 2025**.

The winner of the Fons Sips Outstanding Achievement Award will be informed about the results by **7th of April 2025**.

The winner of the Fons Sips Outstanding Achievement Award will be announced during the 9th EYFDM Forum in Grand Region (**25-27 April 2025**).

The winner of the WONCA World Rising Star Award will be announced during WONCA World Conference in Lisbon (**17- 21 September 2025**).



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## **Fons Sips Outstanding Achievement Award Nomination Letter**

Name of the nominee:

Name of the nominator:

To present your candidate for Fons Sips Award please describe how the nominee contributed to Family Medicine and the European Young Family Doctors' Movement. The following contribution examples are not mandatory but may help you choose in what fields your nominee excels.

Your nominee may:

- being an active member of the EYFDM at the international level
- being an active member of the EYFDM at the national level
- being an invaluable part of the EYFDM community
- being an active member of NMO (National Member Organisation)
- being interested in research
- being a devoted general practitioner