2015-2016 Call

ESPEN invites members to submit a proposal for funding in the field of innovative technology.

In the world of clinical nutrition and metabolism, there is a lack of tools needed for effective screening, assessment, diagnosis or monitoring or the tools that are available are too expensive or require further development. Industry is not always ready to develop or improve these tools alone. The purpose of the “Technology Innovation with Industry Partnership ESPEN Grant” is to facilitate the dialogue between scientific/clinical experts and industry to develop new or better tools or to improve availability of tools.

A “Technology Innovation with Industry Partnership ESPEN Grant” will be awarded to an expert or a group of experts proposing a project that:

- is focused on development or improvement of nutrition tools or technologies (related to screening, assessment, diagnosis or monitoring);
- is expected to have national and international impact;
- proposes significant improvement in the tool or technology including improvement in cost and/or ease of use within a year
- engages an industrial partner to develop and promote the tool;
- suggests a mechanism for flow of royalties to ESPEN in case of profit (to be regulated by a contract after allocation of the grant).

A sum of up to €30,000 is available for support of one or more successful proposals.

Applicants should submit a two page proposal describing the project and expected outcome and benefits and a one page document outlining costs and anticipated timing of the project.

Please note that development of educational tools is NOT considered to be within the remit of this grant.

Proposals should be submitted as an email attachment (word or pdf) to Philip Calder, Chair of the ESPEN Scientific Committee at pcc@soton.ac.uk

The closing date is 1700 hours (Brussels time) on 4th March 2016.

The outcome will be known in May 2016.