



# ASIA PACIFIC LEAGUE OF ASSOCIATIONS FOR RHEUMATOLOGY

## COPCORD GRANT

The Executive Committee of the Asia Pacific League of Associations for Rheumatology (APLAR) will give a grant for COPCORD studies from the year 2018. All proposals must be submitted for review to Prof Fereydoun Davatchi, the APLAR COPCORD Coordinator (email: [fddh@davatchi.net](mailto:fddh@davatchi.net)) with cc to APLAR Secretariat, Ms. Deborah Halim (e-mail: [secretariat.aplar@gmail.com](mailto:secretariat.aplar@gmail.com)). Kindly note that both Prof Davatchi and the APLAR Secretariat must receive the application in order for application to be accepted.

The proposal may be on each of the three stages of the COPCORD project (Stage I, II, or III).

The proposal will be reviewed by the COPCORD Coordinator. It may have to be modified as per suggestions of the COPCORD Coordinator. The grant will be sanctioned when the protocol appears to be satisfactory.

The grant will be US\$14,000. It will be disbursed in three installments:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Installment : US\$4,600
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment : US\$4,600
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Installment : US\$4,800

The first installment will be released as soon as possible after the grant is approved. The second one after a mid-term report is submitted and reported as satisfactory by the coordinator. The last installment will be paid after completion of data collection and submission of the preliminary report to APLAR. The investigator will be encouraged to present the data in an APLAR Congress and submit the resulting manuscript to the International Journal of Rheumatic Diseases (IJRD).

If more than one proposal is submitted and accepted, the Executive Committee of APLAR will decide which one will have the grant.

The COPCORD questionnaire should be used for the study.

Please note the offer is valid only for nationals of countries in the Asia Pacific area.

The following documents must be enclosed with the application:

- Curriculum vitae
- A recent 2 x 2 inch photograph