



# SICON

*Stability, Identification and Control  
in Nonlinear structural dynamics*



## Who could apply

The organiser of the SICON have received funds from the European Commission to support the full participation fees and accommodation cross, as well as actual travel costs (up to a maximum rate) for eligible participants in each event. The European Commission defines the following rules for which participants could be funded and hence could apply for the events:

- **Group 1:** means a researcher (including a PhD student), who at the time of the event that s/he wants to attend, is in the first 4 years (full-time equivalent) of his/her research activity, including the period of research training since gaining a university degree giving access to doctoral studies in the country, in which the degree was obtained. To be accepted as a 'group 1' applicant a doctoral degree must not yet be obtained.
- **Group 2:** means a researcher, who, at the time of the event that s/he wants to attend, has at least 4 years and less than 10 years of research experience (full-time equivalent) since gaining a university degree giving access to doctoral studies in the country, in which the degree was obtained, or is already in possession of a doctoral degree, independently of the time taken to acquire it.
- **Group 3:** means a researcher who wants to attend the event for contact purpose, who at the time of the event has more than 10 years of research experience (full-time equivalent) since gaining a university degree giving him/her access to doctoral studies in the country in which the degree was obtained. Under this group, the event participant must be a national of a EU Member State or an Associated State and be active in research outside the EU Member States or an Associated States at the time of the event.

Once a researcher has obtained a diploma that gives access to doctoral studies in the country in which the diploma was obtained the 'clock' start ticking. In the event that a researcher has taken a break from their research career for whatever reason, then the clock is stopped and only starts once they resume their research career.

A maximum of 40 students can attend each event school. Applications are welcome from student of any academic institution on a worldwide basis that belong to group 1, 2, or 3. Apart from academic skills, the following selection criteria exist:

- Researchers belonging to group 1 will be prioritised before researchers belonging to group 2 and next group 3.
- Gender balance
- Regional balance (absolutely no more than 30 % from any one country).
- The nationals of countries outside the European Union or the European Economic Area should not exceed 30 %.
- The event are open for both mathematical and engineering scientists that are working on system dynamics. Examples of disciplinary backgrounds that will be prioritised, but not exclusively, are ranging from applied mathematics to physics and engineering.
- Priority, but not exclusivity, will be given to early stage researchers
- Fluency in English is required.

We would strongly encourage students to consider following more than one event. When selecting participants for the events, the organisers must balance consideration for continuity (i.e. that some students from previous events will participate) and the need for also bringing new students into the series.