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11th RAMON TRIAS FARGAS AWARD FOR DOWN SYNDROME RESEARCH - 2009

All work that meets the following requisites is eligible for this award:

1. Unpublished research work carried out in Spain in the last three years. Originality and scientific interest will be valued. The topic covered must be medical and related to Down syndrome (genetic, perinatological or medical in general), excluding antenatal diagnosis.
2. The work can be presented in any of the official languages of Spain.
3. The length must be no less than 20 A4 pages in double space, and no longer than 50 pages.
4. Candidates can apply individually or as a group, with backing from scientific, academic or other institutions related to Down syndrome, both public and private.
5. In order to ensure anonymity, no data or names of places, people or institutions that could reveal the identity of the candidate/s should be contained in the reports. The work shall be identified by a pseudonym and the bibliography included in the text must be numbered.
6. Candidates must present three hard copies of the work or one hard copy and one electronic copy. The original report including all sources of identification (names of authors, bibliography) and the electronic original must also be submitted in a closed envelope bearing the pseudonym.
7. The total prize money is €6,000. The jury may award the full sum to one single piece of research or split it between a first prize and two second prizes of €1,000 each.
8. The deadline for submission is 9 October 2009.
9. If deemed appropriate, the winning report will be publishing in the Catalan Down Syndrome Foundation magazine. Notwithstanding, the authors retain the right to publish it at a later date in other medical journals.
10. The Jury shall be made up of three personalities from the field of science. Their verdict shall not be open to appeal.
11. The Jury may declare the award null and void if the work presented is not of the required standard.
12. The result will be announced in the last week of October 2009. The award will be presented at the 10th International Down Syndrome Congress which will be held on 12 and 13 November 2009.
13. Written acceptance of the competition rules signed by all of the authors must be submitted with the originals. The authors' addresses, telephone numbers and other contact details must also be included.
14. All documentation must be sent to Fundació Catalana Síndrome de Down, Comte Borrell, 201-203, 08029 Barcelona, either by registered post or a courier service. Please state on the envelope: "Premi Ramon Trias Fargas d'Investigació sobre la Síndrome de Down".
15. All work that does not receive an award shall be returned to the authors.

X Down Syndrome International Congress «Conquering Dignity»

*Barcelona, November 12th-13th, 2009
Auditorium, Caixa Catalunya's La Pedrera*

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The Catalan Down Syndrome Foundation is celebrating its 25th anniversary. During this time, we have continuously and tirelessly worked with people with Down syndrome as well as with other intellectual disabilities. The constant changes we face in today's society brings us to reflect on the ethic approach to disability.

During this congress we will look into this issue from a multidimensional perspective (biological, psychopedagogical and social) discussing subjects like:

- Rights' recognition and possible ethic conflicts
- Advances in biomedical research
- Confronting transition periods when building a life project
- Analysis of models and policies of care in an inclusive environment
- Family support through partnership and empowerment

This congress is addressed to families and professionals in the psychopedagogical, social and health fields. It will feature keynote lectures by prominent professionals both national and international like: Tamar Heller (*University of Illinois, Chicago*), Jean Ann Summers (*Beach Center on Disability, University of Kansas*), Peter Kinsella (*Paradigm, UK*), Marc Antoni Broggi (*Societat Catalana de BioÈtica, Barcelona*), Carmen García Pastor (*Universidad de Sevilla*); Salvador Martínez (*Instituto de Neurociencias, Alicante*); N'ria Terribas (*Institut Borja de BioÈtica, Barcelona*), Josep M. Jarque (*Pedagogue, Barcelona*) and Alexandre Jollien (*Philosopher, Switzerland*) among others.

Posters submissions: registration form and more information at www.fcsd.org.

Save the date: November 12th and 13th. See you there!

Government's Saint George's Cross to the Catalan Down Syndrome Foundation

On 7 April, at the proposal of the Minister of Culture and Media, Joan Manuel Tresserras Gaju, in agreement with the Government and represented by the President of the Catalan Government, José Montilla Aguilera:

granted the Catalan Government's Saint George's Cross to the Catalan Down Syndrome Foundation

«to acknowledge the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Foundation, whose dedication has improved the lives of those with this syndrome and other intellectual disabilities. The organisation's work facilitates integration

into society and helps them achieve a greater level of dignity, respect, independence and wellbeing»

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Your child with Down syndrome. An A to Z. A practical guide for parents on the medical aspects of Down syndrome.

Josep Maria Corretger, Agustí Serés, Jaume Casaldàliga, Ernesto Quiñones, Katy Trias.

The prognosis for people with Down syndrome was bleak 25 years ago. Today, their life expectancy is around 60 years old. Medical progress has been definitive.

In the past, many clichés and misconceptions have been circulated regarding the issues and illnesses that can affect children with Down syndrome. The information on offer has been inaccurate, at times linked to confusion with the constitutional aspects of the syndrome itself. In fact, these children are subject to the same conditions as any other child of the same age and, whilst they are more prone to some, they are less prone to others. The treatment is the same and can even work better and more efficiently.

This book is aimed at parents of children with Down syndrome, providing an objective and practical introduction to the health, behavioural and developmental issues that their children may experience. It is broken down into short chapters and begins with a review of genetics and Down syndrome.

The main body of the book is set out as an alphabetical index of the medical aspects, and a final appendix contains the Catalan Down Syndrome Foundation Health Programme and Down Medical Centre (CMD) growth charts. Over thirty specialists from the CMD and renowned University Hospitals in Catalonia and Ecuador have contributed to the book.

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Síndrome de Down: Lectura y escritura. Versión electrónica

María Victoria Troncoso y Mercedes del Cerro

Fundación Iberoamericana Down21, 2009.

www.down21.org/lecturayescritura

Fundación Iberoamericana Down21 now offers an electronic version of Troncoso and del Cerro's popular teacher's book for reading and writing skills, widely used and tested in Spain and a number of Latin American countries. The new online version is free for download from Canal Down21, Fundación Iberoamericana Down21's internet portal, and includes new possibilities compared to paper copies - especially a chance for users to download materials and edit them in their own computers. HTML and PDF format are both available. This edition was partially sponsored by Fundación Talita, of Barcelona, and Fundación Bancaja.