



The Medical Research Foundation supports French medical research and the Danone International Prize for Nutrition

Created in 1997 at the initiative of the Danone Group, the *Danone International Prize for Nutrition* is supported by the Medical Research Foundation (FRM). Initially set up in 1947 by major actors in the fields of research and medicine, including Prof. Jean Bernard, the FRM aims to develop research in all medical disciplines for the benefit of all. An association of recognised public utility since 1965, the FRM relies on the generosity of 450,000 regular donors and contributors who, through their donations and gifts, ensure the Foundation's complete independence and ability to develop ambitious programmes.

The Medical Research Foundation constitutes a **"driving force" in research** in France: The Medical Research Foundation is the only non-profit body involved in all areas of medical research.

- It finances the best research scientists involved in conceptually innovative research programmes.
- It encourages the development of research in overlooked sectors or sectors involving new public health priorities.
- It provides important funding for research projects involving young research scientists, thereby promoting continuity in medical research in France as well as the quality of tomorrow's health.

Each year, the Medical Research Foundation funds projects involving on average around 700 research scientists and research teams. In 2009, it will devote 28 million Euros to French public research.

Three key programmes

- The " Hopes from Research " programme: this programme, renewed each year, brings together all multi-disciplinary calls for tender through which the Foundation supports biology research projects that offer hope of progress in the health care field.
- The " Research Urgencies" programme provides impetus in sectors considered deficient or areas identified as priorities in terms of research and/or public health.
- The "Pioneers in Research " programme: this programme provides funds for extremely early research and areas under-represented in France and is designed to encourage multi-disciplinary approaches in order to provide a better understanding of the major developments in life sciences, thereby favouring the emergence of therapeutic innovations.

Selection procedures designed to guarantee excellence

The funds collected by the Medical Research Foundation are allocated by its Scientific Council, which comprises 32 high-level research scientists representing all medical and scientific disciplines. Its selection criteria are based on the excellence of projects, the hopes for medical progress they offer and the scientific quality of the research scientists involved.

Complete transparency concerning use of funds

The Medical Research Foundation is subject to procedures and controls designed to provide its partners and donors with complete information concerning the use of their contributions.

- Control by an auditor.
- Transmission of accounts to all donors and partners
- Publication of its activity report on its website: www.frm.org
- Traceability concerning allocation of donations: all donors who have requested that their donations be applied to a specific area of research can know exactly to which research team their funds were allocated.

How to make a donation to the Medical Research Foundation

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