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The Down Syndrome Research Prize was established in 1999. Following the recommendations of the Down Syndrome Research Prize Committee at the Fifty-sixth Session of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean, the Regional Committee decided to award the prize for 2010 to: Dr Hoda Abdullah Kattan, Saudi Arabia; Al Nahda Philanthropic Society for Women – Al Nahda Schools for Down Syndrome, Saudi Arabia; and Mrs Sabah Zemmama Tyal, Morocco.

Dr Hoda Abdullah Kattan is being honoured for her significant contribution to medical research in the field of Down Syndrome. Dr Kattan graduated in medicine in 1978 from Cairo University. She is currently Head of General Paediatrics, Department of Paediatrics at King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre, Riyadh, where she chairs the Child Advocacy Committee. Dr Kattan is a member of several related associations, has received a number of awards, and has published numerous publications in the field of Down Syndrome, both nationally and internationally.

Al Nahda Philanthropic Society for Women – Al Nahda Schools for Down Syndrome is being honoured for its extensive work with children starting from infancy and providing support to employed graduates. The school was established in 1987 and provides social services support to patients with Down Syndrome, their families and the community. Publications have been issued on teaching children with Down Syndrome as well as guidance for parents.

Mrs Sabah Zemmama Tyal is being honoured for her significant role in capacity-building for Down Syndrome and promoting and developing such centres. Mrs Tyal has authored numerous articles and documents on the special needs of patients with Down Syndrome and other physical and mental disabilities. She is currently the President of the National Association for School-age Children with Learning Difficulties, in Casablanca.