



### **Award of the Down Syndrome Research Prize**

1. The Down Syndrome Research Prize was established in 1999. The Foundation was established for the purpose of awarding a prize to one or more persons who have made an outstanding contribution in the field of research related to Down Syndrome and a grant to one or more persons for research to be undertaken in the same field.
2. At its eleventh meeting, which was held during the 62nd session of the WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean in October 2015, the Down Syndrome Foundation Committee decided that none of the nominees met the minimum score required for the award. The Foundation Committee also decided to revise the criteria for selection.
3. A call for nominations was issued in 2017 based on the revised criteria. The Foundation Committee will review all nominations at its twelfth meeting, which will take place during the 64th session of the Regional Committee in October 2017. The selected laureate(s) will receive the award during the 65th Session of the Regional Committee in 2018.