TREATING DOWN SYNDROME: A SCIENTIFIC CHALLENGE FOR EUROPE

Date: Tuesday 10th March 2015 – 15h00-17h00.
Place: European Parliament (Strasbourg) – building Salvador de Madariaga – S7
Translation provided in French and English.

- **15h00-15h20: Introduction**

  Opening by Dr. Miroslav Mikolášik, MEP (2’)

  Ms Eléonore Laloux, young French woman with Down Syndrome, author of the book “Triso et alors!” and Mr Robin Sevette, young man with Down Syndrome (3’)

  Mr Carlos Moedas, European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation (15’)

- **15h20-15h45: Overview and outlook of the EU research policies on Down Syndrome and other genetic intellectual disabilities**

  Moderator: Me Alexandre Varaut, father of a young boy with Down Syndrome (8’)

  Speakers:
  - Mrs Patrizia TOIA, MEP, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (8’)
  - Mr Mark Bradford (President of the Lejeune Foundation USA; comparison with public programs of Research on Down Syndrome in the USA) (5’)
  - Mr Thierry de la Villejégu (Director of the Lejeune Foundation; what does “treating Down Syndrome” mean?) (3’)

- **15h45-16h15: The new developments of therapeutic research on Down Syndrome and other genetic intellectual disabilities**

  Moderator: Dr. Yann Héralult (Mouse Clinical Institute, research on Down Syndrome) (5’)

  Speakers:
  - Dr. Marie-Claude Potier (Brain and Spine Institute, neurobiologist) (5’)
  - Dr. Rafael de la Torre and Dr. Mara Dierssen (research on Down Syndrome, clinical trial TESDAD) (5’)
  - Pr. Randi Hagerman (UC Davis MIND Institute, California, clinical trial on Fragile X syndrome) (5’)
  - Dr. Clotilde Mircher (M.D. at the J.Lejeune Institute, clinical trial Acthyf) (5’)
  - Mr Xavier Liogier d’Ardhuy (F. Hoffmann-La Roche, clinical trial GABA) (5’)

16h15-16h50: Questions from the floor.

16h50-17h00: Closing Remarks by Dr. Miroslav Mikolášik, MEP