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NEWS FROM EDSA

Dear EDSA members,

our first two webinars were quite a success. The next one is already planned for Mid-January 2021. Topic will be School Inclusion. Details will be published soon.

I would like to point out that you can find our both first webinars about "Early Intervention" and about "Covid-19 and DownSyndrome"

on EDSA Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/edsachannel>

on the new EDSA You Tube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=97-UyBUbkaQ>

and on EDSA website: <http://www.edsa.eu>

or under „Categories“: <http://www.edsa.eu/category/webinars/>

The results of the **online survey among EDSA members** on „What can members offer? What do members need? What do members suggest to EDSA?“ can be found on <http://www.edsa.eu> in the **restricted area for members** in the section AGA 2020.

If you have forgotten your password for the restricted area please contact me:

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Best regards



Cora Halder

NEWS FROM THE WEB

A LETTER FROM THE TAILFEATHER TV!

We are happy to share with you this mail, that we have received from UK.

Hello!

 Welcome to TailfeatherTV
 TailfeatherTV is different and very special!

It is presented and co-written by young adults with learning disabilities especially for babies, toddlers, and young children.

Watch the Christmas episode here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RXqynE1VAFw&t=17s>

TailfeatherTV episodes each have a different theme and incorporate dance, sing, sign, learn, and play for learning and development.

Please spread the joy and share this with your service users!

DON'T FORGET TO **SUBSCRIBE** FOR SEASON 1

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUTgmS4mjo2rMx2TgnXluxg>

Learn more:

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TWO DOWN SYNDROME RESEARCHES



FUNDACIÓN IBEROAMERICANA DOWN21'S DOWNCICLOPEDIA

This overview of scientific articles is compiled by Prof. Jesús Florez, who is the director of the Fundación and also the initiator of this so called DownCiclopedia.

The Fundación Iberoamericana Down21 offers a monthly updated list of references and abstracts from scientific journals. This is an excellent source of important news and knowledge from biomedical research in the field of Down syndrome.

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In this DownCiclopedia you will find a lot of interesting up-to-date information, useful for yourself, if you are a parent or if you are a professional in the DS-field at www.down21.org

Topics include:

- AGING
- CARDIOVASCULAR
- DENTAL
- DERMATOLOGY
- EAR / NASAL
- EDUCATION
- ENDOCRINOLOGY / NUTRITION
- EPIDEMIOLOGY
- GASTROENTEROLOGY
- GENETICS
- GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT
- GYNECOLOGY
- HEMATOLOGY / ONCOLOGY
- INFECTIOUS DISEASES / IMMUNOLOGY
- MOLECULAR BIOLOGY / BIOCHEMISTRY
- NEUROBIOLOGY
- NEUROLOGY
- OPHTHALMOLOGY

- ORTHOPEDICS / TRAUMATOLOGY
- PHYSIOTHERAPY
- PRENATAL DIAGNOSIS
- PSYCHIATRY / PSYCHOLOGY
- QUALITY OF LIFE
- RESPIRATORY
- SURGERY
- THERAPEUTICS



T21RS STATEMENT WITH REGARDS TO VACCINATIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH DOWN SYNDROME DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Trisomy 21 Research Society has conducted a survey showing that individuals with Down syndrome (particularly those over the age of 40, and younger individuals with significant comorbidities) are at increased risk to have more severe outcomes following infection with SARS-Cov-2, including secondary lung complications (1).

In the context of prioritisation of vaccination for high risk groups, **we strongly recommend that individuals with Down syndrome (particularly those over 40, and those younger than 40 with significant comorbidities) are prioritised for COVID-19 vaccination programs to limit SARS-Cov-2 infections.** While we await availability of COVID-19 vaccines, seasonal flu and pneumococcal vaccination would be advisable for **individuals with Down syndrome of all ages.** There is no evidence that vaccinations are associated with increased side effects in people with Down syndrome.

We would recommend that research is conducted alongside a COVID-19 vaccination program to establish whether antibody responses are sufficient using standard protocols in the light of previous experience with some other vaccines that suggested that titres may vary (2, 3) and that additional boosters may be required for individuals with Down syndrome (4).

References

1. <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.11.03.20225359v1> and <https://www.t21rs.org/results-from-covid-19-and-down-syndrome-survey/>
2. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/17160268/>
3. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1002/jmv.24813>
4. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0264410X15015261>

DSi FUNDING FOR COVID-19 ADVOCACY PROJECTS – 2021



DSi has a new funding opportunity for DSi Representative Member organisations based in low- and middle-income countries. **The deadline is 22 January 2021.**

Grants size: Up to 5,000 GBP

Timeframe: Start dates from February 2021 onwards.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this funding, applying organisations must:

- Be a DSi Representative Organisation
- Be based in a country on the OECD DAC list of ODA Recipients [Click here to see the list](#)
- Be able to provide a certificate of registration as an organisation with the relevant authority in the country.
- Have an organisational bank account (an account registered in the organisation's name).

Purpose of the Funding

The purpose of the funding to support DSi members to advocate for disability inclusive responses to

the COVID-pandemic, including the socio-economic recovery process.

Project Objectives

Project must contribute towards reducing the impact of COVID-19 on persons with Down syndrome

and key activities must be advocacy based. Some examples of the kind of project that could be

funded include:

- Collection and dissemination of evidence related to an issue that persons with Down

syndrome are facing

- An advocacy campaign for equal access of persons with Down syndrome to a service (e.g.

vaccines)

Cannot be fund service provision, so please ensure your project is advocacy focused. For example, if

the issue you wanted to address is that persons with Down syndrome and their families were unable

to access to hand sanitisers and masks:

- Could be fund a project that involved lobbying the government for increased provision of

hand sanitiser and masks to persons with Down syndrome and their families

- Could be not fund a project buying and distributing hand sanitiser and masks to persons

with Down syndrome and their families.

How to Apply

Please submit a concept note for your project by 15 January 2021, including:

- Background on why your project is needed
- Short summary of what your organisation has done in response to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Outline of your project's objectives and activities
- How you will measure the impact of your project
- Project budget

Please limit the concept note to a maximum of 3 pages.

Please send your concept note to nathan.rowe@ds-int.org

PRIVATE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

THE ROBERT BOSCH STIFTUNG

Robert Bosch Stiftung

The **Robert Bosch Stiftung** is reported to be the largest German Foundation, managing the philanthropic bequest of company founder Robert Bosch for more than 40 years. The Foundation is divided into four areas to support and operate its aid program. In order to pursue the Foundation's objectives, it promotes external projects and initiates its own projects for developing and running programs.

To respond to social challenges and develop new solutions are the key objectives of the Robert Bosch Stiftung. To achieve this, the Foundation organises a wide range of projects and programs of their own and support many project ideas developed by others. The Foundations current [funding](#) areas are [Health](#) and Science; [Education](#), Society and Culture; International Relations America and [Asia](#); International Relations [Europe](#) and its Neighbours.

Both the Foundation's own programs and the projects they fund aim to promote new developments and bring about change. The Foundation funds projects that either supplement their existing programs, continue them in an innovative way, or contribute significantly to realizing their objectives in the program area concerned.

Due to the wide range of potential projects eligible for funding both in [Germany](#) and abroad, the methods and procedures by which the Foundation provides funding are not subject to restrictions. They use a range of instruments to achieve their goals, such as competitions, scholarship programs, prizes, funding of pilot projects, appointment of independent committees and juries, political consulting based on scientific studies, surveys, seminars, and colloquia.

The Foundation welcomes funding proposal by stating that "As a funding foundation, we are always open to new project ideas and funding [proposals](#). They must complement our focus areas and existing funding instruments. The project goals must be specified clearly." The two step application process is briefly outlined below:

First Step: Inquiry

Forms for first-time applications for third-party projects are available for download. Applications should be no more than two pages in length.

Second Step: Grant Request

The Foundation aims to inform applicants within four weeks whether a project will be accepted for further examination. The application must then be substantiated in greater detail.

For more information visit this [link](#).

MAKE THIS NEWSLETTER REALLY YOURS!

Have you got any news that we could publish in EDSA newsletter?
Please send us any information you would like to announce and we shall be happy to disseminate it all over Europe!

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