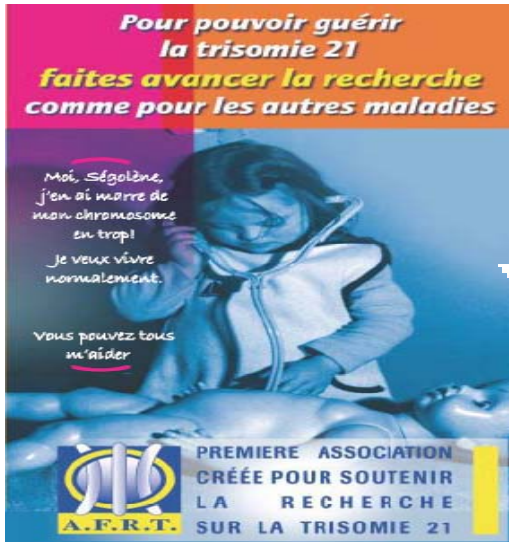


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French Association for Research on Trisomy 21 (AFRT) was raised in the early 90st from the initiative of scientists working at Necker' Hospital in Paris on Trisomy 21 when the french TELETHON who was raising a lot of money for research on myopathies and genetic diseases, did not include Trisomy 21 among those. AFRT is now principally an association of parents who is administrated by a council and a board whose missions are :

- **Give information on Trisomy 21 through the publication « Nouvelles du chromosome 21 » (News from Chromosome 21)**

13 issues since 1995, on both medical and scientific data on trisomy 21.

- **Give funds for research concerning fundamental, clinical and therapeutical aspects as it is done for other genetic diseases**

Since 1998, AFRT has given *165 000 Euros* as fellowships and grants for scientific projects.

The parents have now decided to give grants for specific research on skin and hair and also on sleep problems.

- **Participate to meetings**

AFRT is taking part on many French and European meetings on Down .

AFRT is a member of EDSA since 2005 membre and also a member of DSI (Down syndrome International) and will participate to the International Meeting in Vancouver, august 2006.

On March 21 Mars 2005 we organized the **First National Day for Research on Trisomy 21** in the Town hall of the 5th arrondissement in Paris

“From the patient to the research : better understand for better help”

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“How to estimate and potentially cure mental retardation”