

ADDRESS OF THANKS FOR THE « PRIX GALIEN »

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Genethon is a wonderful scientific adventure, but amongst all, it is a unique human adventure.

It is that of the parents of diseased children, forming the French Association against Myopathies who decided to change their suffering into hope by starting the Telethon in France in 1987, and the R&D center Genethon in 1990 with the mission of discovering therapies for rare disorders.

Genethon entered the history of genetics by producing the first maps of the human genome. Today Genethon, still almost exclusively funded through public generosity, is a world leader in gene therapy, design and development of gene therapy drugs, as well as their large scale production, for which we have the largest production plant worldwide.

With our international clinical trials ongoing or under preparation, the hope of the patients starts becoming reality.

We also know that the highly innovative therapies that we are developing for rare disease will have an impact for frequent diseases.

I wish to thank the Jury of the Prix Galien for this exceptional acknowledgement of our efforts.

I wish to thank the Jury in the name of all scientists working at Genethon.

But above, I thank the jury in the name of patients whose resoluteness in supporting Genethon has never weakened,

in the name of the millions of French supporter of the Telethon, who every year renew their trust and without whom nothing would have been possible,

in the name of the partners of the Telethon who bring us their precious help:

- France Televisions
- The Lions Club
- Les Pompiers represented by the Colonel Eric Faure, President of FNSP
- Groupe La Poste represented by Jean-François Farenc, Directeur Régional
- La Région Ile-de-France, le département de l'Essonne and last but not least our dear friends from the Genopole represented by its CEO Pierre Tambourin

With them all I am happy to be able to share this extraordinary award tonight.