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Prizes to recognise outstanding health management

Groupe Mutuel Foundation has rewarded the Ticino Cuore Foundation, the “Ligue valaisanne contre le cancer”, the Geneva-based association AVVEC and the company Dentsply Sirona for their outstanding commitment to prevention and health promotion by presenting them with prizes worth a total amount of CHF 45,000.

Last night in Martigny, Groupe Mutuel Foundation presented its first incentive prizes recognising a special commitment to prevention and health promotion. “With these awards, we aim to acknowledge outstanding performance in the fields of prevention and health promotion, as well as support other innovative projects in future. In this way, we are fulfilling our responsibilities for collective well-being”, said Karin Perraudin, President of Groupe Mutuel Foundation, at the awards ceremony.

In the category Associations, Institutions and Private individuals, the Ticino Cuore Foundation received the first prize worth CHF 20,000. For many years, this foundation has been successfully working to install open access cardiac defibrillators in the canton of Ticino. With the First Responder network, it has developed an innovative protocol for first aid in the event of cardiac arrest. This protocol is considered to be an example for comparable organisations throughout Switzerland.

The second prize worth CHF 10,000 was awarded to the Ligue valaisanne contre le cancer, which is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. Groupe Mutuel Foundation would like to acknowledge its long-term involvement in cancer prevention and in supporting patients and their families. The Geneva-based association AVVEC received the third prize worth CHF 5,000 for its work in preventing violence, particularly among young people in schools, as well as for its support to victims.

In the Corporate category, Dentsply Sirona, the medical technology producer in canton of Vaud, received the first prize for its comprehensive and pragmatic approach to corporate health management. Its employees enjoy a number of preventive measures. In the event of illness or accident, they are supported, among others, by the CorporateCare concept for managing health and absences in the workplace, which Groupe Mutuel has developed in the field of corporate insurance. Dentsply Sirona plans to invest the prize worth CHF 10,000 in health projects.

In view of the 2020 awards, institutions, associations and individuals, as well as companies insured by Groupe Mutuel, can apply now and until 30 June 2020. The terms and conditions can be found on the website www.groupemutuel.ch/foundation.
Link to the photos:
https://www.groupemutuel.ch/en/groupe-mutuel/medias-communication/communication/Photos-et-Logos/Photos.html#tab-3

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**Groupe Mutuel Foundation**
Set up in 2018, Groupe Mutuel Foundation develops its activities on a non-profit basis. In this regard, the Foundation supports the well-being of the Swiss population, including with health promotion and prevention measures. Its scope of action extends to institutions and associations, individual policyholders and companies. To fulfil its mandate, Groupe Mutuel Foundation oversees three types of commitments: support to individuals and institutions, as well as the presentation of incentive prizes.

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