

## **Outstanding mid-career researchers preselected for their pioneering and collaborative research on Alimentation**

***Eight mid-career researchers from Africa, Asia, Europe and North America  
are the finalists of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of the Danone International Prize for Alimentation***

Paris, March 1, 2023 = The Selection Committee of the Danone International Prize for Alimentation (DIPA 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition) has preselected eight (8) promising mid-career researchers for their innovative research on Alimentation, the umbrella term for sustainable eating and drinking practices that contribute to the health of individuals. The Laureate will be announced in April 2023, after a meeting of the DIPA Jury comprising a panel of international renowned scientists.

After an international call for applications opened from June to October 2022, the DIPA Selection Committee of 3<sup>rd</sup> edition met in December 2022 for the difficult task of assessing the twenty(20) high-level applications and selecting the finalists to be presented to an international Jury.

The Selection Committee was chaired by Prof. Suzanne Higgs (United Kingdom) and was made up of a group of international experts: Dr Nawal Bentahila (Morocco) Prof Wendelin Slusser (United States of America) Dr Valérie Lemarchandel representing the Fondation pour la Recherche Médicale, (France) and Dr Nicolas Gausserès representing Danone Institute International (France).



*“The DIPA is a unique award, as it is mid-career award that recognizes emerging leaders in the field of Alimentation. The aim is to support innovative, multidisciplinary research on sustainable healthy diets. I’m sure the Jury of the DIPA will have a hard task to identify the next Laureate. “*

**Prof. Suzanne Higgs, PhD (School of Psychology, University of Birmingham, UK), President of the Danone Institute International chaired the Selection Committee of the DIPA 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition.**

**The preselected applications focused on mother-child feeding interactions; the effects of plant-based/sustainable diets on health and obesity; food security; engineering healthy eating environments; the role of neurocognition in food choices; prevention of undernutrition in the hospital environment. The finalists:**

- **Prof. Stephanie ANZMAN-FRASCA (University at Buffalo, USA)**
- **Prof Vicky DRAPEAU (Laval University, Canada)**
- **Prof. Heather EICHER-MILLER (Purdue University, USA)**
- **Prof. Montserrat FITO-COLOMER (Hospital del Mar Medical Research Institute, Spain)**
- **Prof. Misty HAWKINS (Indiana University, USA)**
- **Prof Julie LUMENG (Michigan University, USA)**
- **Prof. Afework MULUGETA (School of Public Health, Mekelle University, Ethiopia)**
- **Prof. Kitti SRANACHAROENPONG (Institute of Nutrition, Mahidol University, Thailand)**

This 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of DIPA attracted twenty (20) applications from all continents and was marked by the diversity of profiles and research proposed. Overarching themes were a concern for climatic issues and the impact of diet practices on human and planetary health.

All the eight (8) preselected applications have in common a strong collaborative research ethos, a willingness to disseminate knowledge to wide audiences and potential for high impact. They represent cutting edge and multidisciplinary scientific research programs from prestigious universities around the world.

### About the Danone International Prize for Alimentation, DIPA

The Danone International Prize for Alimentation, DIPA, is sponsored by the Danone Institute International, DII, in collaboration with the Fondation pour la Recherche Médicale, FRM. The DIPA is awarded every two years and is open to mid-career researchers. This prize rewards pioneering research that spans multiple disciplines and represents an innovative and collaborative approach to research on “Alimentation”, which is the umbrella term for sustainable eating and drinking practices that contribute to the health of individuals, including food choice, purchase, preparation, cooking and meal organization, and their determinants.



\* The **Danone Institute International (DII)** is a not-for-profit organization aiming to promote human health through developing and disseminating knowledge about the links between food and health, and to highlight the importance of nutrition in health.



\* The **“Fondation pour la Recherche Médicale” (FRM)** aims to contribute to the development of pioneering and innovative medical research, leading to medical advances for all. It is an independent organization that operates through the generosity of its donors.

- For further details about the DIPA and a short presentation of the finalists, please visit: [www.danoneinstitute.org](http://www.danoneinstitute.org) or contact the DIPA Prize Secretary ([dipaprize2023@gmail.com](mailto:dipaprize2023@gmail.com))