

Amaris Foundation announces first recipient

November 2016: *Two months after its operational launch, the Amaris Foundation unveiled the first project which will be funded. The majority of employee donors have chosen to support le Rire Médecin association. Ten other projects which received at least 5% of total votes will also be given financial support. Review of the conditions affiliated to those choices.*

Amaris Foundation has two specificities: it is a collaborative one and it is highly dynamic. Each employee can choose to become a donor, without personally investing money. To do so, the only thing he or she has to do is to express interest in the Foundation. Amaris then automatically donates in his or her name.

In October, any donor employee could nominate an existing project. Forty-seven were submitted to the Foundation Committee in less than 15 days. The latter then examined the proposed projects to verify their adequacy with the Foundation's support axis, "innovation to foster independence" and to ensure compliance with the prevailing ethical rules. As a result, 27 projects have been submitted to donors' votes.

In early November, the Amaris Foundation revealed the list of the eleven elected associations. Bagging the highest number of votes, the winning project is "I-clown" of the Le Rire Médecin association. Yohanna, based in Mauritius is the one who put forward this project. She explains precisely why she chose this association: "*Le Rire Médecin brings joy in the daily life of hospitalized children. The actors and clowns create lightness; giving children an opportunity to escape to another more joyful world for a moment.*" Thanks to the Amaris Foundation's 30,000€ donation, Le Rire Médecin will create sketches and a mobile application to distribute them on iPads that will be made available to the nursing staff. In turn, the caregivers will be able to extend the clowns' action, whenever the latter are not present, with children. This will be particularly useful during times of depression or accompaniment of painful times.

Ten other associations will receive a donation of up to € 2,500 to fund innovative programs. The list includes projects based in four continents, with different purposes. One example is *Panda*, an association that develops applications to help the nursing staff follow patients' pregnancy in Burkina Faso. To cite another example: Oxfam, which sets up safe and potable water distributors in Bangladesh.

The adventure of the Amaris Foundation has only just begun. The goal in the near future is to increase from the number of employee donors from 70% to 100%. External funding is now open. The future of the Foundation is up and running. For more information, please visit the Foundation's new website: <http://www.amaris.com/amarisfoundation> or contact foundation@amaris.com.

About Amaris:

Amaris is an international and independent Management and Technologies Consulting Group created in 2007. Present in 48 countries, the Group supports its clients throughout their projects' lifecycles. With more than 60 offices around the world, the Group brings provides proximity support to its clients in all their locations.

Over the last In 9 years, Amaris has known an exponential growth. The Group has 2650 employees in more than 60 offices worldwide and is expected to reach a turnover of 140 million euros by the end of the year 2016; which represents an average growth of 80% since its creation.