

## The Daniel and Nina Carasso Foundation announces the second Premio Daniel Carasso

**The Daniel and Nina Carasso Foundation, which supports research and innovation in the field of sustainable food and diets, calls on the scientific community to mobilise for the second Premio Daniel Carasso**

> **The Premio Daniel Carasso: a prize designed to foster cross-disciplinary research that furthers “sustainable food and diets for long-term health”**

How is it possible to feed the world’s growing population while ensuring fundamental nutritional, environmental, economic, and societal balances? The Daniel and Nina Carasso Foundation has responded to the challenge by seeking to encourage research and promote innovation in sustainable foods and diets. That desire for progress prompted the idea of the Premio Daniel Carasso in 2012.

**The Premio Daniel Carasso is an international prize awarded every two years to a research scientist for outstanding work in the field of “sustainable food and diets for long-term health”.** More than just an award, the Premio is designed to promote innovative, cross-disciplinary research into food systems – *i.e.* systems that involve stakeholders from food producers and consumers to the waste management, transformation, distribution, and catering industries.

A panel of internationally recognized experts chooses the winner of the Premio Daniel Carasso and Daniel and Nina Carasso Foundation awards the €100,000 prize. The laureate winner then becomes the Foundation’s ambassador for questions related to sustainable food and diets.

**In 2012 the Premio Daniel Carasso went to American research scientist Jessica Fanzo for her work on nutrition and food security in developing countries.** It helped highlight the links between nutritional, environmental, agricultural, social, and economic factors in local contexts. Jessica Fanzo also developed and coordinated large-scale applied research projects in Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia for Columbia University’s Earth Institute, for such United Nations agencies as the FAO, the WFP, WHO and UNICEF, and for Bioversity International, member of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) which works on food security.

**The Daniel and Nina Carasso’s Prize Committee is pleased to announce the second Premio Daniel Carasso. Entries may be submitted from 1st April to 30 June 2014. Entrants will find all the information that they need on the Foundation’s website at [www.fondationcarasso.org](http://www.fondationcarasso.org).**

## > The Daniel and Nina Carasso Foundation's vocation: act daily and advance research

The Daniel and Nina Carasso Foundation was created in early 2010 under the aegis of the Fondation de France in memory of Daniel Carasso – founder of Danone in France and the United States – and of his wife Nina. It is a family-based foundation that is independent of Danone and whose prime goal is to foster new ways of understanding nutrition that further human self-development and create more harmonious living conditions for people. To those ends the Foundation funds projects in two distinct but complementary fields: food to nourish the body and art to nourish the mind.

Since 2010, the Daniel and Nina Carasso Foundation has channeled €15 million into funding 55 organisations. Of that amount, 50% has been invested in projects related to sustainable food and diets.

Although the Daniel and Nina Carasso Foundation supports a wide variety of organisations and projects, its objective remains the same: the development of sustainable, balanced and ethical food systems and diets.

Below are some example of projects it has backed.

- **The Foundation supports a research project by Bioversity International, a scientific research-for-development organization specialising in on-farm and forest biodiversity.** The project seeks to draw up a set of sustainable food indicators that will serve as a common language indispensable to communication between researchers, to the comparative study of food systems, and to the capitalization of research. In November 2012, the Foundation also helped organise an international conference on the theme “Metrics for Sustainable Diets and Food Systems”. The conference, together with the one organised by the Foundation at the International Congress of Nutrition in Granada in September 2013, led to set a of evidence-based recommendations on the way forward in research into food systems and diets.
- Against a background of growing poverty and cuts in public funding, so-called “social grocery stores” offer vital help to many French people. Accordingly, **the Daniel and Nina Carasso Foundation supports voluntary organisations like the National Association for the Development of Social Grocers (ANDES)** through the project Uniterre. Uniterre works with struggling farmers to develop shorter food supply chains. **The Foundation also backs the voluntary association ReVivre** which supplies fruit and vegetables to social grocery stores and also distributes food directly to distressed families from local outlets.
- In July 2011, **the Foundation signed an agreement with the Spanish Foundation for Science, Health and Education** to support a campaign to raise awareness of diet- and sport-related good practices among schoolchildren. The impact of the campaign, which used an educational method unprecedented in Europe, will be scientifically evaluated to determine whether it could be meaningfully deployed on a grander scale.



### About the Daniel and Nina Carasso Foundation

The Daniel and Nina Carasso Foundation (FDNC) was founded in early 2010, under the aegis of umbrella organization, the Fondation de France. It was created in memory of the Danone company founder Daniel Carasso and his wife, Nina. It is a family organization that is independent of the food company. On its Executive Committee sit its president, Marina Nahmias, family members, and friends chosen for their competencies and closeness to Daniel and Nina Carasso. The Executive Committee is supported by a Finance Committee that is made up of Executive Committee members and external members. It handles all matters relating to endowments and funding. The Foundation is steered by an Executive Director assisted by permanent staff based in Paris. To help it accomplish its mission, the Foundation draws on the know-how of a number of expert consultative committees whose mission is to conduct strategy watches and – in some cases – to shortlist projects, with the Executive Committee having the final say.

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