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Groupe DANONE, partner of the 18th International Congress of Nutrition in Durban (South Africa)

Since nutrition and health are at the heart of its business, it is only natural that Groupe DANONE should attend the 18th International Congress of Nutrition, which is being held from 19th - 24th September 2005 in Durban, South Africa. This event, which takes place every four years, is a unique opportunity for scientific experts from across the world to come together to discuss the latest advances in the field of nutrition.

By holding two seminars and awarding the Danone International Prize for Nutrition, Groupe DANONE is reaffirming its intention to maintain close relations with the scientific community, and to contribute to scientific progress by promoting a range of initiatives in the field of nutrition and health.

19th September: Children's nutrition seminar
This seminar, organised by the Danone International Institute, brings together scientists and NGOs to look at possible ways of improving the development of children (3-6 year olds) via food, and how these solutions could be applied. Malnutrition still affects some 3 million children in both emerging and developed countries. It has a damaging impact on childhood growth and development.
For more information, visit www.danoneinstitute.org

20th September: the fifth Danone International Prize for Nutrition to be awarded to Pr. David JP Barker (UK)
The winner of the 2005 Danone International Prize for Nutrition will be officially announced in Durban on 20th September. This year's prize will be awarded to Professor David JP Barker for his pioneering research into the link between the foetus and adult diseases.
The prize, which comes with a cheque for €120,000 ($150,000 US), is a sign of the Danone International Institute's commitment to research in the field of nutrition. For more information, visit [www.danone-nutrition-prize.com](http://www.danone-nutrition-prize.com)

**21st September: Probiotics Seminar**

Research into probiotics is still only in its infancy. Groupe DANONE is looking at new applications for it and is undertaking vast long-term studies. At this seminar, organised by Groupe DANONE's own R&D centre Danone Vitapole, seven international experts will give an insight into probiotics and their benefits for human health, and will present the results of the latest studies.

The results of a number of Danone Vitapole studies will also be unveiled at the congress.