

## The results of the 2012 Carlos Slim Health Award

The Carlos Slim Health Institute announced the <u>Winners of the fifth edition of Health Award 2012</u>. The prizes have been issued in recognition of innovation and performance of Latin American researchers and institutions focused to improve the health status of the population of the region.

In the 2012 edition of the Award, in the category <u>Outstanding Institution</u>, the Kangaroo Foundation of Colombia has been awarded for its innovative work of treatment and outpatient care of premature and low-weight newborns, currently implemented in over 30 countries in Latin America, Africa, Europe and Asia.

Since its creation in 2008, Carlos Slim Health Awards have been granted nine awards of \$ 100,000 each to researchers and institutions in different countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. In the 2012 fifth edition, in the category of Exceptional Institution, 97 nominations from 18 countries have been submitted, while in the category Research Trajectory 35 nominations were submitted from researchers from 10 countries.

The mother kangaroo method developed and experimented in the 80's by Professor Hector Martínez in the Maternal and Child Hospital in Bogota, is promoted also by the IDEASS International Catalogue and generated great interest in many countries to improve premature child care and reducing infant mortality.

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