

**Twelfth Annual International Scientific Meeting of  
The Velo-Cardio-Facial Syndrome Educational Foundation, Inc.  
July 7 to 9, 2006  
Strasbourg, France**

The Organizing Committee of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of The VCFS Educational Foundation, Inc. invites you to Strasbourg, France, July 7 through July 9, 2006. Our host for the meeting is Génération 22, the support group in France for persons with the 22q11.2 deletion. Meetings of the VCFS Educational Foundation are unique and very special, and provide formal and informal opportunities for professionals and families affected by VCFS from around the world to meet, to talk, to get to know one another, and to learn from each other.

**About the Educational Foundation and Annual Meetings**

The mission of the VCFSEF is to improve the lives of individuals with VCFS through increased public and professional awareness and education. Our annual meetings have reached thousands of professionals, parents, and people with VCFS since 1994. This meeting is the authoritative source of the most current information about this common genetic disorder, which is also known by a variety of other names including DiGeorge syndrome, 22q11 deletion syndrome, and Sedlakova syndrome.

**Faculty**

The international faculty for the meeting includes many of the world's foremost experts in areas including psychiatry, speech and language, cardiology, molecular genetics, clinical genetics, education, feeding, reconstructive surgery, and intellectual performance. People who have VCFS or who have children with VCFS are invited to participate as faculty by making presentations that highlight their personal experiences. These presentations have been very popular at past meetings.

**Official Languages of the Meeting**

At this year's meeting, all presentations will be offered with simultaneous translation in French and English. There will be ample time for questions and interaction with the faculty and families attending the meeting and translators will be on hand for informal conversations during breaks.

**Consultations**

The faculty will also offer brief private consultations for children and adults with VCFS to address concerns such as speech disorders, feeding disorders, leg pains, and behavioral problems. These "clinics" have reached hundreds of families who might not otherwise be able to see these experts.

**New this Year**

A new feature of this year's meeting will be a special poster session highlighting clinical programs in Europe at which specialists are diagnosing and treating children with VCFS. We encourage professionals from all over Europe to submit posters to present their programs (check off "Clinic Poster" on the Abstract Form). We encourage parents and professionals from around Europe and the world to take advantage of the opportunity to see what these Centers have to offer, and to meet their personnel.

**Social Events**

We are, of course, planning social events for both faculty and registrants. These events provide a wonderful opportunity for meeting and greeting people from all over the world who share common experiences. Set that in Strasbourg, a beautiful city and a wonderful place to visit, and this promises to be one of our best meetings ever!

**Submissions and Information**

Download an abstract form in en [Français](#) or in [English](#). Additional information may be found on the website of the VCFS Educational Foundation ([www.vcfsef.org](http://www.vcfsef.org)) and of Génération 22, our hosts in Strasbourg ([www.generation22.asso.fr](http://www.generation22.asso.fr)). See you this summer in France!