



## Doctor Jane Goodall's visit in Belgium 14-16 May 2012

### European Parlement : Roots&Shoots Ceremony International School of Brussels : Dr. Goodall's lecture May 15

The annual Ceremony of the JGI Roots&Shoots program was held on Tuesday morning in the European Parliament near Place du Luxembourg. Many Belgian R&S groups answered Doctor Goodall's call and shared their ideas about making positive change happen for people, animals and the environment. Inspiring projects were presented by R&S youth. From Solar Cooker building to Tree Planting event via Retirement Home Project, the young generation has proven its will to build a better world.



At the end of the Ceremony, Doctor Jane Goodall addressed the audience and offered a vibrant hope message: *"Roots creep underground everywhere and make a firm foundation. Shoots seem very weak, but to reach the light, they can break open brick walls. Imagine that the brick walls are all the problems we have inflicted on our planet. Hundreds of thousands of roots and shoots, hundreds of thousands of young people around the world, can break through these walls. We can change the world"*.

In the early evening, Dr. Goodall gave an inspiring and motivational public lecture at the ISB in Watermael-Boitsfort. More than 20 years ago, she decided to give up her career as a primatologist in order to devote her life to protect our planet. Now, she spends 300 days a year travelling around the world to spread hope for future generations. The lecture ended with a book signing session during which enthusiast fans have shared a few words with Dr. Jane.



After the lecture, a Patron Party was organized in the Château of the ISB. It was a great opportunity for JGI volunteers, partners and sponsors to meet Dr. Goodall privately. After touching and inspiring discussions, Jane took leave wishing the members good night in the chimpanzee language, with small sweet and melancholy cries.

