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Dear Friends,

The spring is coming very soon and it is the perfect time to highlight blossoming transatlantic initiatives, provide you with customized information on innovation and suggest you to join great events. And, as usual, a lot of news and challenging opportunities coming from France and New England !

So just relax and enjoy the reading !

The 2011 edition of the NETVA program just launched!



2011 edition of the New England
Technology Venture Accelerator

Help France's Most Innovative Startups to facilitate their tech/business development in the U.S.

The Office for Science and Technology of the French Embassy in the U.S. (Boston section) **launched the call for proposals** for its accelerator initiative on the 1st of March, 2011. It is the second edition of NETVA, that stands for the "New-England Technology Venture Accelerator". NETVA aims at facilitating and accelerating the development of French High-Tech Start-ups in the US through an intensive entrepreneurial training and business development week in Boston.

After a competitive process supervised by a Franco-American jury in May 2011, the selected French start-ups will be granted with an accelerator week in Boston preceded by a two-day preparation seminar in France, given by entrepreneurs and experts of early stage start-ups internationalization.



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If you are a US-based entrepreneur or a business / technology executive interested to join the NETVA mentors community, please let us know. Partnership through sponsorship opportunities is also offered.

If you are a French start-up and would like to evaluate your potential on the US market and accelerate your development there, don't wait any longer and **apply now. Deadline is April 30, 2011.** Click [here](#) for more information.

For any further information, please contact [David Boucard-Planel](#) and visit www.netvafrance.com

Flagship Event : 2011 French American Innovation Day- Call for partners and sponsors



The French American Innovation Day (FAID) is a high level scientific meeting designed to emphasize a specific topic that is significant to science, therapeutics and innovation. The goal is to foster transatlantic

collaborations between French and American scientists, laboratories and companies.

The 2010 edition of the FAID was focused on Alzheimer's disease and gathered some of the best specialists in France and the U.S. More than 130 people joined the event at the Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT.

To prepare the 2011 edition of this flagship event, the **Office of Science & Technology (OST) of the Embassy of France in the United States** (Boston section), organizer of the event, **is launching a call for partners and sponsors.**

The OST is mainly looking for a French-American organization or company, that could participate in the choice of the 2011 edition's topic and would be willing to be involved in the preparation of the event.

The call for proposal is available on [the consulate's blog](#) (In French)

For more informations, please contact our team in Boston :
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Event : "Café des Sciences" n° 37

L'hospitalisation conjointe parents-bébé, un accompagnement des troubles relationnels précoces : l'expérience d'une unité spécialisée en Europe



Dr Liliane Parise
Pédiatre - Responsable de l'Unité d'Hospitalisation
Conjointe parent-bébé
Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de La Louvière, Belgique

Presentations in French
Tuesday, March 15 6:00 - 8:00 p.m
Cambridge Innovation Center
Havana Room - 5th Floor
1 Broadway, Cambridge

Networking reception to follow.
The event is free but [RSVP](#) is required

Francophonie's week : Dance party at FELT



Mais Oui!
Dance Party at Felt Club in Boston!
Felt - 533 Washington Street
Wednesday March 16th - 9pm to 2am
No Cover fee - 21+ - Cash bar

Francophones & francophiles of Boston, students & young professionals are welcome to join us for a soirée of cocktails, dancing and *joie de vivre* as we celebrate *la francophonie*.
[All the information here](#)

Innovator of the Month : Tech Transfer Office of the Public Assistance - Paris Hospitals (AP-HP)



To celebrate the International Women's Day, the Office of Science and Technology seize the opportunity to highlight the work of a very dynamic team led by **Dr Florence Ghrenassia**, Director of the Office of Technology Transfer, Licensing and Industrial Ventures (OTTLVI) of the Public Assistance - Paris Hospitals (AP-HP)

AP-HP is the biggest teaching hospital in Europe, federating 38

different hospitals and groups of hospitals mainly located in Paris and its suburban area. The Clinical Research and Development Department (DRCD) of AP-HP coordinates more than 2000 clinical trials, all sponsorships combined. AP-HP is the first institution in Europe in sponsored clinical trials and ranks ahead of major industries.

Created in 1992, the OTTLVI is responsible for managing and promoting the intellectual property assets of Assistance Publique - Hôpitaux de Paris. OTTLVI is tasked to deal with all innovations originating from hospital care and clinical research performed by the AP-HP clinicians alone or within the scope of industrial research alliances, patenting and technology transfer agreements.

The team of the OTTLVI is composed of 12 people, 11 of them being women, and is managed by the Dr Florence Ghrenassia. Despite the very challenging Tech Transfer environment in France, the team has managed to achieve impressive results :

- **100 patents have been filed**, 50% of which have been licensed within 2 years of existence. AP-HP now holds 190 active patents.
- **30 startups companies were created**, based on scientific breakthroughs in AP-HP research
- The Licensing of AP-HP technologies generated more than **€ 10 Millions revenue**
- **400 research collaborations** and industrial partnerships / year

The OTTLVI manages hospital innovation in a specific model, "from bedside to bedside" trying to involve the patients from the very beginning, in order to provide medical innovation to the largest number of patients.

To know more about this process and the OTTLVI's activities please take a look at [the director's presentation of the OTTLVI](#).

Partner's initiative : get endorsed for the 2011 MassChallenge Competition !



MassChallenge is running the largest global startup competition to catalyze the launch and success of high-growth, high-impact new businesses

high-impact new businesses

The new edition of the competition was launched on **March 7**. **Application deadline** is April 11th 2011.

Because of its longstanding involvement in the entrepreneurial ecosystem, the **Office of Science and Technology** has been given the opportunity to be an entrant endorser for the MassChallenge 2011 competition.

As referrals act as an endorsement for a French startup, **endorsement points will count towards each team's score** for the first round of judging !

If you have the next big idea and are willing to run the Masschallenge Competition, it is therefore recommendable that you let us know, we may endorse you !



FACCNE Young Professionals Committee Event

Visit the Biogen-Idec Cogeneration Plant
Monday, March 28, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

FACCNE Young Professionals invites you to a presentation and tour of the cogeneration plant at Biogen-Idec in Cambridge, MA. More information about cogen activities [here](#).

Cost: Free for members, \$15 for non-members.

For additional information and to register, [visit FACCNE's website](#)

Special report from the Tech Transfer Annual Meeting !



The American Association dedicated to the advance of academic Technology Transfer held its annual meeting from **Feb 27 to Mar 2, 2011 at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas**. The office and science and technology covered the event.

Over **1300 technology transfer** professionals attended the annual AUTM, meeting, making it the biggest annual gathering in this field.

The emphasis was put on **how to improve the legislation and daily operational activities** in the TT offices, in order to make them more efficient.

Two speeches about this were given by TT representatives belonging to French institutions :

- Professor Gorry, who happens to be also the president of the french AUTM, focused his speech on the recent steps taken by the French government to boost TT activities and research commercialization such as the creation of regional TT center or SATT).
- Florence Ghrenassia, who described the model used by Paris' Hospitals' Technology Transfer offices to enhance hospital research commercialization .

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Updates and Events



Innovation News

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Cluster update

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Events In France

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Scholarship and Grants

Agence Nationale de la Recherche



I National Research Agency (ANR) "Chairs of excellence" Program

The Chairs of Excellence Program aims to attract the best **researchers professors**, either **French or foreign**, in France by providing, with the support of the host organisations, substantial means to set up a team and undertake an ambitious research project with a visible impact.

The 2011 edition of the programme proposes three types of chairs:

1/ Long-term Junior

Temporary or permanent appointments from 36 to 48 months. The maximum grant per chair will amount to € 500,000.

2/ Senior Chairs of Excellence

Temporary or permanent appointments from 36 to 48 months. The maximum grant per chair will amount to € 1,000,000.

3/ Short-term Senior Chairs of Excellence

High-level researchers - either foreigners or French expatriates from 18 and 24 months. The maximum grant per chair will amount to € 1,000,000.

For additional information, please visit the [ANR website](#)

II "Post-Doc Return" Program - ANR : **Last days to apply!**

The Post-doc Return Program (PDOC) is intended to **encourage young French scientists to come back to France, to work in French Labs.**

The PDOC offers **substantial means** to French scientists living abroad and willing to develop a project in France. The program is also open to foreign scientists who ran their Ph.D in France.

The **2011 call for projects** has been launched and the deadline for applications is **March 17th, 2011**

For additional information and to apply, [visit the ANR website](#)

III Emergence Program - ANR - Technology Commercialization

The ANR launched a call for proposal whose prime goal is to promote the commercialization of products or services originating from academic and public research by awarding fundings to develop "proofs of concepts" that will ultimately result in new products distributed on the markets.

The call for projects is open to any area of research, but should align with one the following themes :

- Food, Biotechnologies, Health technologies
- Environnement, Eco-technologies, Energy
- Information, Communication, Nanotechnologies
- Other (Économy, Engineering, Sécurité, ...)

The deadline for applications is **March 25th, 2011**

For more informations and to apply, [visit the ANR website](#)

Challenging Job offers in France

French Institute of Transportation, Development and Network Sciences and Technologies - Nantes

Researcher position focused on composite materials modelisation is available at the Materials, Assemblies, Composites for Intelligent Structures department.

[Learn more and apply](#)

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development -Paris

Nuclear Scientist position at the NEA Data Bank to co-ordinate international studies in the area of reactor physics, mathematics and computation The candidate should have a PhD level in Nuclear Reactor Physics and Technology or Engineering or equivalent.

[Learn more and apply](#)

CEA - Accelerators, Cryogenics and Magnetism Department - Paris

PostDoc position for the development of an autonomous cryogenics circulation loop. The candidate should have a strong background in Thermal Engineering.

[Learn more and apply](#)

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The Office of Science and Technology in Boston

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