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FRANCE TECH INSIGHT

Innovation & Entrepreneurship in France & New-England **#15 - May 2010**

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MAJOR EVENT: "The French Research Revolution"

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"The CNRS and the French Research Revolution: What does it mean for transatlantic scientific relationships?"

Keynote speech by Prof. Fuchs, president of the CNRS (French National Center for Scientific Research)

June 9th, 6pm-8pm
MIT Stata Center, Room 32-155
32 Vassar St, Cambridge
Free Admission
In English

RSVP: email April at **ajulich@MIT.EDU**
Space is limited - first come, first served!

This event is organized by the Office for Science and Technology of the French Consulate and the MIT-France Program

Dear Friends,

In the FTI this Month:

- The French Research Revolution Seminar at MIT, with Prof. Alain Fuchs, president of the CNRS

- The NETVA 2010 Laureates to be Announced Soon

- **The Strong French Representation** and the many deals signed at the 2010 BIO Convention, including the Sanofi-Aventis investment for Mass Startups.

- The Launch of YEi's new website **www.yeifrance.com** and our **Blog**

- Some Challenging Job offers in France's most dynamic organizations.

And many other events, innovation news and scientific breakthroughs.

BIG NEWS: The YEi New Website and Our New Blog

The Young Entrepreneurs Initiative New Website
www.yeifrance.com

The French Office for Science and Technology New Blog
consulfranceboston.wordpress.com

NEWS: NETVA's 5 Laureates to be Announced Soon!

On May 13, the NETVA's 2nd committee will select the 5 most promising French start-ups to participate to this unique accelerator program. Stay tunned, the winners will be announced soon!

Want to get visibility and connections with promising startups?
Multiple corporate sponsorship opportunities are offered and experienced business and technology professionals are also needed to join the NETVA's mentor's community. For more information, please contact Yann Le Beux and visit www.netvafrance.com

NEWS: The 2010 FAID on Alzheimer's Disease

NEWS: French Participation at the NBIA Conference

The NBIA (National Business Incubation Association) is holding an **International Conference on Business Incubation** in Orlando from May 16-19. The Office of Science and Technology will be attending, as well as participating in a roundtable discussion on the soft landing and creation of transatlantic start-ups, featuring:

Nelly Barbault, Project Manager - IT Sector, Paris Development, Paris, France
Catherine Pommier, Companies Development, Montpellier Agglomeration BIC, Montpellier, France
Géraldine Quetin, Young Entrepreneurs Initiative, French Embassy in the US.

Learn about programs to help U.S. start-ups access French markets, technologies and financial support, as well as French start-ups that have expanded into the U.S. through incubators and cluster partnerships. This global ecosystem helps entrepreneurs cope with cultural differences, partner with local and national networks, and accelerate their implementation and business development.

More information and to RSVP:

www.nbia.org

We look forward to meeting with you in Orlando!

NEWS: A Very Strong French Representation at BIO 2010

The 2010 BIO International Convention featured a particularly strong French presence.

The Office for Science and Technology of the French Embassy was of course represented, notably through Géraldine Quetin, project manager for the Young Entrepreneurs Initiative. More than 100 companies were also present alongside with 8 of the leading French clusters.

During these days, many deals were signed and **Sanofi-Aventis and the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center** notablyannounced a new investment partnership, with the company joining the Center's Corporate Consortium Program. Sanofi-aventis will contribute $500,000 over two years to support the Center's investment activities. Read the press release here.

UPCOMING FACCNE EVENTS

May 13, 7pm: The FACCNE Business Award Dinner and Gala at the Langham Hotel, in the presence of Pierre Vimont, Ambassador of France to the United States, Christophe Guilhou, Consul General of France in Boston. This year's honoree is Charles River

Save the Date! The 2010 edition of the French American Innovation Day (FAID) will be held on December 6, 2010.

Research on Alzheimer's disease is extremely challenging. With an eye to the progresses in this field, the scientific coordinators **Prof. Philippe Amouyel,** director of the French Alzheimer Foundation and CEO of the Pasteur Institute in Lille and **Prof. John H. Growdon,** Clinical Core Co-Leader / Founding Director of the MADRC and Director of the Memory and Movement Disorders Units at the MGH will be led the debate with several French and American speakers in hot topics.

This year, the **Office for Science and Technology** organize this event in partnership with **Mass. Life Sciences Center**.

As the program is being prepared , expressions of interest are welcomed and various corporate sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact Lynda Inséqué for more information.

COMPETITIVE SCIENTIFIC JOB OPENINGS IN FRANCE

AltraBio, a young, dynamic biotechnology company based in Lyon, is looking for PhD scientists for positions in the following areas:
1. biostatistics / bioinformatics
(implementation of biostatistical approaches to life science data analysis, software and database development)
2. molecular biology/genetics/genomics and related disciplines (integrative biology - interpretation of large biological data sets). Please send your CV and a cover letter to career@altrabio.com

Two Post-Doc Positions in « Immunobiology of Dendritic Cells »,
The Institut Pasteur in Paris is looking for two postdoctoral researchers to conduct projects in the field of autophagy and cross-presentation. Learn more

Post-doc in Synthetic Organic Chemistry, CNRS/Université de Provence (Marseille)
A one-year position is available for a post-doctoral fellow skilled in synthetic organic chemistry. The position is available immediately. Learn more

Strasbourg University (UdS) enrolls 14 researchers for 2010-2011 in Astronomic, Biology, Economics, Eco-physiology, Immunology, Law, Mathematics, Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Physics and Sociology. Learn more

Research Fellow in Neural Engineering (Grenoble). 3-years position in the field of neural engineering with the focus on Brain Computer Interface (BCI). Deadline: June 01, 2010. Read more

Post-doctoral Position in Developmental Biology (Nice). Project: Molecular mechanisms of vessel formation, implications in pathophysiology, and potential novel pharmacological approaches. Deadline: September 1, 2010. Read more

Post-doctoral Position in Yeast Cell Biology (Nice). Project: cell polarity in the human pathogenic yeast Candida albicans. Deadline: August 31, 2010. Read more

Laboratories. Our flagship program, the Young Entrepreneur Initiative will also be honored during this dinner. For more details: www.faccne.org

May 27 : European Food Festival Enjoy food and drink from European countries while expanding your circle of contacts. For more information and to RSVP visit: www.faccne.org

INNOVATION ACTOR OF THE MONTH

The CNRS (French National Center for Scientific Research) is the largest fundamental research organization in Europe. It carries out research in all fields of knowledge.

CNRS has developed **interdisciplinary programs** which bring together various CNRS departments as well as other research institutions and industry.

The CNRS has a **3.4 billion Euros budget** and employs 33,600 people within 1200 research units located throughout France. In 2009, the CNRS signed 1,600 contracts with industry, had a total of 3,765 patent families generating a revenue of 58,2 million euros in royalties. Between 1999 and 2009, 503 companies have been created out of CNRS.

Presentation Video

Homepage: **www.cnrs.fr**

SPECIAL ANNOUCEMENT:

French Ambassador to the US to speak at Harvard University

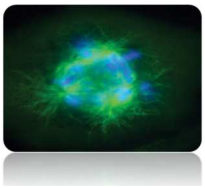
"The Future of the European Union after the Lisbon Treaty: A French Perspective"

By **H.E. Pierre Vimont,** Ambassador of France to the United States

Thursday, May 13
3:30pm - 5:00pm
The Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies at Harvard University
Goldman Room, 27 Kirkland Street, Cambridge.

Contact & RSVP: Ann Townes

SPECIAL REPORTS



Food & Nutrition : OPALINE Program Researchers Monitoring 314 Children

Bionetwork Files Patent for Sublingual Galenic Forms

Economic and Social Development in Africa - The Contribution of Computer Science and Applied Mathematics

MetaHIT Unveils the Genetic Secrets of Human Intestinal Flora

PhD / Post-doc Positions (Marseille)
13 PhD positions (3 years) and 8 post-doc positions (2 years) on infectious diseases and tropical medicine. Deadline: July 4, 2010. Read more

EVENT: Café des Sciences - May 18

"Les Défis de l'interface Chimie-Biologie et le modèle du Broad Institute."

Dr. Clémentine Féau and Dr. Baudouin Gérard
Research Scientists, Broad Insitute

Presentation in French
Tuesday, May 18th, 6pm - 8pm
Broad Institute, 7 Cambridge Center.
Free Entrance - Presentation followed by a reception.
RSVP: cafe@hubtech21.com

www.cafesciences.org

EVENT: Scientific Breakfast with Prof. Alain Fuchs, President of CNRS

"L'évolution du paysage de la recherche en France"

June 9th, 8am-9:30am
CIC, 14th Floor
One Broadway, Cambridge
In French

Join us for a networking breakfast and presentation by professor Alain Fuchs, President of CNRS (French National Center for Scientific Research)

RSVP: to Yann **here**
Free Admission - Space is limited.

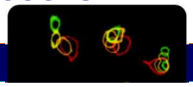
This event is organized by **Office for Science and Technology** of the French Consulate in partnership with the **Young Professional Committee** of the New England Chapter of the French American Chamber of Commerce.

INTERVIEW: Isaac Kohlberg - Harvard Office of Technology Development

Our Office recently met with Mr. Isaac Kohlberg, Senior Associate Provost and Chief Technology Development Officer (OTD) at Harvard University, to discuss about the technology transfer program at Harvard and other tech transfer programs across the globe.

Read the transcription of the interview (in French).

SCIENTIFIC BREAKTHROUGHS



EVENTS IN FRANCE

C.U.R.I.E. Network 2010 Symposium "Tech Transfer: New Paths and Emergence of Campus Cluster"

TER@TEC 2010 - The High Performance Computing Event

WIF 2010 - The Not-to-Be-Missed Event for Webdesign Market Players

4i Forum - The Green Technology Innovation Showcase in Rhone-Alps

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The Consulate General of France in Boston is now on Twitter and Facebook!

The Consulate not only covers Science and Technology and Innovation, but also adress French Culture, arts and Global Politics.

Also, if you are a **French resident** in the Boston area, please take 5 min to fill out this brief questionnaire proposed by InterFrench. The aim is to know better your needs in terms of events and connections.

A Better Understanding of the Interactions between Sugar Proteins and Taste Receptors

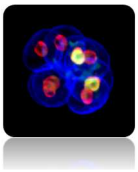
Micropolluants in Sewage Treatment Plants - AMPERES Program Delivers

Customized Stem Cells To Help Treat Leukemia?

MRI without Hydrogen Atoms

MetaHIT Unveils the Genetic Secrets of Human Intestinal Flora

CLUSTERS UPDATE



Energy - The TENERRDIS Competitive Cluster and US NREL Sign MoU

ParisTech New Master's Degree in Biomedical Engineering

Exhibition Platform for ICST at the Lille-Nord-INRIA Center

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- FAID Conference
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