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NEWS: The NETVA Entrepreneurship Week: Sept 13-18!

Save the date NOW!! From September 13 to 18, five promising



French start-ups, laureates of the 2010 national competition NETVA (New-England Technology Venture Accelerator), will be in Boston to participate in a unique and customized coaching and business development program prepared by our office in collaboration with the [Entrepreneurship Center \(ITEC\) at Boston University](#). Congrats to the 5 startups selected:

- **AXENIS** (genetically-modified mice which have human-like immune systems)
- **KODE** (softwares that makes any data processing tasks cost-effective and up to 30 times faster)
- **3DTV** (solutions for real and computer-generated 3D images viewed without glasses)
- **DIDHAPTIC** (training simulators for dental implantology education)
- **PHYCOSOURCE** (discover innovative bio-active compounds from microalgae and cyanobacteria, at high throughout cadence)

Dear Friends,



Summer time is definitely not an idle time ! The Office of Science and Technology (Boston section) is already in the starting blocks for upcoming events related to both joint co-operative programs (NETVA, YEI) and events (FAID, Café des Sciences, etc). In the FTI this Month:

- **The NETVA Entrepreneurship Week: Sept. 13-18!** The five 2010 laureates are genuine entrepreneurs coming to Boston to accelerate the technological and business development of their companies.

- **The French American seminar on Alzheimer's disease** (December 6, 2010). Prominent speakers from both countries confirmed their participations. Major companies and institutions like Pfizer, Broad Institute and MLSC have partnered the event. One additional sponsorship is needed.

- **The New Area of the Young Entrepreneurs Initiative:** our flagship program is getting bigger!

And many other events, innovation news and scientific breakthroughs. Including the participation of 28 French companies & clusters to the 15-17 Sept. Boston BioPharm event.

EVENT: Franco-American Innovation Day (FAID) on Alzheimer's disease: call for sponsorship

In collaboration with the MLSC (Mass. Life Sciences Center), the **2010 FAID seminar** will be addressing « Alzheimer's disease: Towards the Personalized Medicine ». It will be held on **December 6, 2010 at the Broad institute**.

The 2 prominent scientific directors, Prof. J. H. Growdon, Director of the Memory and Movement Disorders Units at MGH, and Prof. P. Amouyel, CEO of the French National Foundation on Alzheimer's disease, will lead this summit organized in 6 sessions.

EnVivo Pharmaceuticals, a biopharmaceutical company based in Watertown, MA, provides support to the event as a platinum sponsor, together with **Guerbet** (France) and **Pfizer** (US), as Gold Sponsor.

Save the Date, a major event with the local entrepreneurial ecosystem will be organized on **Thursday Sept 16** in the late afternoon! More details and invites coming soon.

Want to get introduced to the laureates and to the other 28 NETVA applicants seeking partners for their development in the US? Multiple corporate sponsorship opportunities are available.

We are here very happy to announce that the Boston based firms [Valti](#) and [Go To Market Consulting](#) have already decided to support NETVA.

For more information, please contact [Yann Le Beux](#)

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NEWS: NETVA Awarded for its Impact on France's Competitiveness



The New England Technology Venture Accelerator, has been awarded

"**Best Research and Innovation program**" at the 7th edition of the Economic Initiatives Competition, held in Paris on May 28th, 2010. A jury of **70 economic journalists** acknowledged NETVA, designed and managed by the Office for Science and Technology of the French Consulate in Boston, for its support to the development in the US of the most innovative French start-ups.

Read more [here](#) and feel free to contact [Yann Le Beux](#) For more information.

NEWS: The YEi Program Enters a New Area!



The Young Entrepreneurs Initiative, the Flagship program of the French Office for Science and

Technology is entering a new area. After 5 years of successful management, and **more than 140 participant companies**, our Office is now letting a new public-private consortium of investors taking a leading role to further develop the program, together with our Office. Effective in October, this partnership will be led by [RETIS Innovation](#) and will include [Marie](#)

Does Your company have an interest in Alzheimer disease? Various sponsorship levels are offered for the event of larger magnitude and outreach.

For expressions of interest, please contact Lynda Inséqué at deputy-inno.mst@consulfrance-boston.org

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EVENT: Café des Sciences - Aug 25

"**La nouvelle route de la soie : quand biologie, développement durable et haute technologie se rencontrent**"



Dr. Fiorenzo Omenetto
Prof. Biomedical Engineering
Tufts University

Presentation in French

Wednesday August 25, 6pm-8pm
Cambridge Innovation Center, 5th Floor
One Broadway, Cambridge

Networking Reception to Follow
RSVP: cafe@hubtech21.com

EVENT: Café des Sciences - Sept 16

"**Google, les bibliothèques et l'avenir du livre**"



Prof. Robert Darnton
Carl H. Pforzheimer University
Professor and Director of the
Harvard University Library

Presentation in French

Thursday September 16, 6.30pm-8pm
Résidence de France
394 Brattle Street, Cambridge

RSVP Mandatory:
adrien.bignet@diplomatie.gouv.fr

Robert Darnton, will present "Google, Libraries and the Future of Books" at this special Cafe of the Sciences, co-sponsored by the Cultural Department of the French Consulate. Professor Darton has reported for the New York Times, taught at many universities and institutes for advanced study, and serves as a trustee of the New York Public Library and Oxford University Press (USA). He has published numerous books on his research as well. "An eloquent writer and one of the world's foremost historians of the book." (Publishers Weekly)

[Landel & Associates](#), the [FACCNE](#) and others sponsors including [BioMérieux](#).

NEWS: A Significant French Participation to BioPharm 2010



More than 30 French companies and research organizations will be present at the [Boston BioPharm Conference](#), the major Biotech and Pharma industry showcase to be held on **September 15 to 17**. Among them, will notably be represented, Alsace BioValley, INSERM Transfert, Institut Pasteur, Lyon Biopôle, PX'Therapeutics and Transgene. Full list www.ebdgroup.com/bpa.

NEWS: MEDICEN Cluster in Boston in Mid October

MEDICEN, France's most important cluster (*pôle de compétitivité*) for medical sciences and based in Paris Region, will be **in Boston in mid October**. This visit aims at developing new technology and business partnerships between the cluster research centers and companies and the Boston area. More information to come soon.



INNOVATION ACTOR OF THE MONTH



What is the CEA ?

The CEA is the French Atomic Energy and Alternative Energies Commission (Commissariat à l'énergie atomique et aux énergies alternatives). It is a public body established in October 1945 by General de Gaulle. A leader in research, development and innovation, the CEA mission statement has two main objectives : to become the leading technological research organization in Europe and to ensure that the nuclear deterrent remains effective in the future.

What does the CEA do ?

The CEA is active in four main areas: low-carbon energies, defense and security, information technologies and health technologies. In each of these fields, the CEA maintains a cross-disciplinary culture of engineers and researchers, building on the synergies between fundamental and technological research.

Where does the CEA get its funding ?

In 2009, the CEA received 45 % of its funding from the French government, and 34 % from external sources (partner companies and the European Union).

Some key figures (2009)

- 15,718 employees, 1,360 PhD students and 289 post-docs
- 10 research centers all over France

FACCNE UPCOMING EVENTS

"New Member Networking Night"



Tuesday, September 21, 2010, Time TBD
Choate - Two International Place, Boston MA

[RSVP online here!](#)

The [FACCNE](#) is happy to welcome its newest members at this informal networking night. This will be an opportunity for new members to present their professional activities and meet other FACCNE members and partners. The presentations will be followed by a networking cocktail reception.

The FACCNE thanks its corporate member, [Choate Hall and Stewart LLP](#), for generously hosting this event.

NEWS: World Life Sciences Forum, 2011 - Lyon - Invitation to US PhDs and Post-Docs



BioVision, the World Life Sciences Forum, is inviting a 100 promising PhD students and post-docs to attend the 7th edition of the Forum, to be held on March 27-29, 2011 in Lyon, France.

This fellowship programme called BioVision.Nxt selects the best students in Life science and related fields (health, nutrition, and environment) from around the world and offer them the unique opportunity to attend BioVision Forum and meet in a privileged manner with high level speakers: Nobel Prizes, CEOs, Directors of international organizations, Heads of NGOs...

BioVision engages key international leaders from different backgrounds in debates on global issues involving science and society.

The application form is available on line at www.biovision.org

For more information:
biovision.nxt@biovision.org

Deadline for applications:
September 30, 2010

NEWS: PhD - Neuroscience - Paris - interested ?



- Budget of 3.9 billion euros
- 120 new companies established since 1984 in the high-technology sector

For more information on the CEA, please visit www.cea.fr

SPECIAL REPORTS

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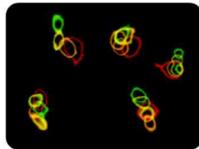


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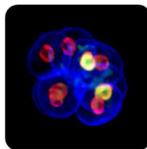


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EVENTS IN FRANCE

[More than 100 Innovative Technologies at the Grenoble Innovation Fair, GIF 2010](#)



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7th call for applications for the ENP PhD Program now available. The Paris School of Neuroscience (ENP) is a network of outstanding neuroscience laboratories in the Paris area, within major universities and research institutes

- **The ENP covers** all areas of neuroscience and associated methodologies, from basic to clinical and from molecular to cognitive sciences.
- **Pre-PhD and PhD programs** are open to highly talented and motivated students who received their undergraduate training outside of France, irrespective of their original disciplines.
- **Pre-PhD:** up to a year of rotations in participating laboratories. It can include a Master's degree
- **PhD:** a three year program with possible one-year extension.
- **Courses in neuroscience** and related topics - International conferences and seminars - French and/or English language courses - Individual supervision by a tutor and a thesis committee - Annual retreat with faculty members and guest scientists
- **Assistance for settling** in Paris (visa, housing, social security, medical and/or other insurance) - Stipends from the ENP and other sources (pre-PhD 1200 €/month, PhD 1800 €/month) - Scholarships for attendance to international meetings - Support for periods of training in other laboratories.

**Deadline for applications:
September 30, 2010**

For more Informations and online applications at www.paris-neuroscience.fr
Contact: enp@paris-neuroscience.com

CHALLENGING SCIENTIFIC JOBS IN FRANCE

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](#)

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](#)

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