

Office of **Science** and **Technology**

# Scientific and Research Cooperation

## **Strengthening our presence**

One of the main objectives of Higher Education cooperation, developed as a partnership between the Office for Science and Technology (OST) and the Cultural Service, is the creation of dual-degree programs.

Exchanges between students and researchers are one of the fundamental elements of scientific cooperation. They make up the foundation on which we can build high-level collaborations and long-term bilateral research partnerships. The Chateaubriand Fellowship are recognized for their excellence and make up a large part of our budget. The OST is supporting the creation of an association of the previous recipients of the Chateaubriand Fellowship

Existing foundations (MIT, Berkeley, Stanford and Chicago) are an important resource for scientific cooperation. The success of calls for proposals should allow for us to capitalize on this cooperation and monitor progress.

## **Franco-American Doctoral Network**

The creation of the Franco-American Doctoral Network will complement, at the doctoral level, the already existing FACE program for the master's level. This network of US and French Higher Education institutions is considered to be a tool for scientific exchanges based on common research projects.

The NSF has agreed to follow the project and a first meeting of the consortium of American universities, took place on December 14th, 2006, followed by another one held in February 2007. Participating US Universities are: Urbana Champaign, GeorgiaTech, Florida Gainesville, Wisconsin Madison, Northwestern, Houston, UT Austin, UC System

## **Facilitating the emergence of cooperation and agreements**

Finally, we are in the process of the elaborating a bilateral agreement in science and technology; such an agreement will constitute a reference for new cooperation especially in terms of intellectual property. Different French institutions and research organizations and the department of State, NSF and US Universities expressed their interest in this approach.

