Partnership between ANR and the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) in view of joint funding of stem cell projects

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The French National Agency for Research (ANR) and the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding aiming at strengthening cooperation between France and California in the field of stem cell research. This agreement has already led to the organisation of a French-California workshop held at the ANR in July 2011 with about ten researchers from each country.

Following this agreement and according to the conclusions of the workshop, the ANR is currently in discussion with the CIRM in order to launch a first ANR-CIRM joint call for proposals. The objective is to fund research projects on stem cells, with the aim of addressing questions related to the understanding of the biology of stem cell, particularly human stem cell, and stem cell fate. This call for proposals would open in November 2011 for collaborative research projects with French and Californian teams. The CIRM would finance the Californian researchers, and the ANR would finance the French researchers.

Further information:

CIRM web site: www.cirm.ca.gov
- Description of the CIRM call for proposals « Basic Biology III » which would be close to this first ANR-CIRM joint call: www.cirm.ca.gov/RFA_10-04
- The search tool of the CIRM web site which could be useful to find Californian research partners: www.cirm.ca.gov/for-researchers/researchfunding

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