French scientists elected to the National Academy of Sciences

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The National Academy of Sciences (NAS) announced the election of 84 new members and 21 foreign associates from 15 countries in recognition of their distinguished and continuing achievements in original research. Two French foreign associates were nominated this year: Denis Duboule and Philippe Sansonetti.

Denis Duboule is a professor at the Department of Genetics & Evolution (formerly the Department of Zoology and Animal Biology) at the University of Geneva in Switzerland. He holds both Swiss and French citizenship. More information on his current research in developmental genomics is available at http://genev.unige.ch/en/users/Denis-Duboule/unit.

Philippe Sansonetti is a professor at the Institut Pasteur in Paris, France. His research focuses on Shigella, Gram-negative bacteria that cause dysentery and the development of a vaccine against bacillary dysentery. More information can be found at http://www.pasteur.fr/recherche/unites/Pmm/index_gb.html.

Those elected to the NAS bring the total number of active members to 2,152 and the total number of foreign associates to 430. Foreign associates are nonvoting members of the Academy, with citizenship outside the United States. The NAS is a private, non-profit society of distinguished scholars engaged in scientific and engineering research, dedicated to the furtherance of science and technology and to their use for the public good. It was established in 1863 by an Act of Congress signed by President Abraham Lincoln at the height of the Civil War that calls upon the NAS to provide independent advice to the government on matters related to science and technology.

For the complete list of new members, please consult the NAS press release.