Dear Friends,

Welcome to the June issue of France Tech Insight. This month is special, as it marks the 70th anniversary of the storming of Omaha Beach on D-Day in 1944. The French and the Americans alike commemorate this day in honor of those who risked or lost their lives on that fateful day.

"The French Will Never Forget" association launched a campaign to deliver one million rose petals to the Statue of Liberty on June 6, 2014 on behalf of France, as well as an online signature campaign to gather names and messages from French citizens thanking the Americans for their actions on D-Day. Read more here

We at the Office for Science and Technology of the French Consulate commend these efforts to strengthen the relationship between France and the United States so that we may continue to work together in the science and innovation sector. Our exciting upcoming events and programs aim to do just that. We hope you enjoy!

When:
Tuesday, July 1st
6:00 PM– 8.30 PM

Where:
CIC, Havana Room, 5th floor
1 Broadway
Cambridge, MA 02142

Disruptive innovative anticancer therapies presented by Dr. Jean-Pierre Armand
New R&D initiatives often called as “open innovation” are emerging to bring medicines to patients faster by facilitating public- and private-sector partnerships and collaborations, to solve common challenges encountered during the discovery and the drug development process.

Gustave Roussy strongly believe that disruptive innovative anticancer therapies will come more and more from small biotechs, and that Phase I unit in academic institutions have an active role to play in the field. Biotechs and Phase I experts should interact together and initiate collaborations, well before Phase I trials, to accelerate the development of disruptive innovations and boost their chance of success.

Jean-Pierre Armand, senior oncologist from Gustave Roussy, expert in very early drug development in phase I and II, will present how phase I units could play a major role for biotechs’ drug development in oncology by making an investigational targeted agent highly valuable. Some illustrative “win-win” partnerships to develop new targeted anticancer therapies could be presented during the session.

Gustave Roussy, based near Paris, France, is one of the biggest European comprehensive cancer center. According to its Director, Lex Eggermont, it must be a front-line player in early innovative cancer drug development at an international level.

Today it is already the 1st European cancer center for early clinical trials with 524 patients and 57 trials in phase I in 2013.

In 2013, he received the nomination of Chevalier of Legion of honor of French government.

2nd Annual Cleantech Battle of the Bands

Tuesday, July 8th

When:
Tuesday, July 8th
6:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Where:
EnerNOC
One Marina Park Drive
Boston, MA 02210

Join NECEC and EnerNOC for the 2nd Annual Cleantech Battle of the Bands!

21+ only

Space is limited! Please reserve tickets only if you plan to attend
- Bands – see below to apply to perform
- Each band gets to perform 3 songs
- Crowd chooses winner (applausometer)
- Single song tie-breaker if necessary between two top bands

Registration required

Prix de la Fondation de l’œil 2014

This prize, awarded by the Foundation of France, aims to reward the works of original or innovative research in the field of ophthalmology or vision sciences.
Deadline to submit applications: July 10

More information here

Prize for Innovative Technologies for the Environment

This prize, awarded by ADEME, rewards public research laboratories that offer works able to be the subject of applications or industrial developments in the short or medium term. The prize will be given December 2nd, 2014 at Pollutec.
Deadline to submit applications: July 16

More information here

Open positions at Inserm U1110, University of Strasbourg

Inserm U1110 is looking for a Junior group leader, a post-doc and a Bioinformatician. These positions are funded by LabEx HepSys, EU FP7, Infect ERA and ARC. Click here for more information.
Administrative and Scientific Assistant; Biostatistician at Brabois Hospital

Nancy

The Center for Clinical Investigation at Brabois Hospital (Nancy) is hiring an administrative and scientific assistant and a biostatistician for the European Projects
- Administrative and Scientific Assistant (Temporary contract for one year, eventually renewable. Position available as soon as possible)
- Biostatistician (Temporary contract for one year, eventually renewable. Position available as soon as possible)

Contact: nathalie.christophe@inserm.fr

Head of Scientific Communication at the Institute for the Brain and Spinal Cord

Paris

The Institute for the Brain and Spinal Cord, directed by A. Brice in Paris, is hiring a Head of Scientific Communication.

Tasks: He or she implements the actions of internal and external scientific communication to diverse audiences, consistent with the overall strategy for the management of the Institute and its communication plan.

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