Dear Friends,

Welcome to the April issue of France Tech Insight! It seems as if spring is upon us here in New England as the temperatures reach into the upper 50s and 60s. Here at the consulate we are excited to announce the opening of the NETVA 2016 applications. Every year NETVA brings some of the most innovative French startups to four North American cities: Boston, Washington, D.C., San Francisco, and Toronto. Coming up we have some exciting events with the French American Chamber of Commerce in New England (FACCNE). As always, you will find below our news digest, upcoming events, and job offers.

NETVA 2016 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Apply here

We are pleased to announce that the applications for the NETVA 2016 competition are still open, until April 12th. The New Technology Venture Accelerator (NETVA) is a program of preparation and exposure to high-tech US markets for young innovative French companies. Each year, juries in France and the program's three American cities select 15 French startups. In 2015, the program was expanded to Canada.

The selected laureates begin their preparation for North American markets with a three-day training seminar in France. Each laureate is also paired with one or more American/Canadian mentors prior to an intense week of immersion in the United States or Canada.

The laureates then have the opportunity to network with high-level American academic and technological partners and to benefit from an additional series of training workshops focused on how to approach and succeed in American markets.

Entrepreneurship and Innovation

France's Legal Tech Startup Scene

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As French startups continue to popup across the country, the state’s antiquated technology and business legal system is having a hard time keeping up. While this labyrinth can pose significant problems for new companies, it can also make it much easier for them to tackle foreign markets once established in France. A number of firms are now taking part in the French legal tech scene and might one day be better situated to help even American companies in the US navigate their legal system.

Hired.com expands to France after Breaz.io acquisition

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American talent recruitment tool hired.com has just acquired the Paris based recruitment tool breaz.io and is now going to expand its services to the French market. The breaz.io team will stay on to operate French operations of Hired.com.

**AnotherChef, French startup that brings chef cooked meals to your kitchen**

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The French startup, founded by Audrey Vasseur, brings professional chefs to your kitchen to cook for as little as 13 euros a person.

**Bisly aims to be the bridge between your kickstarter campaign and retail**

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Bisly is an e-commerce platform that gives startups the visibility they need to get their products into market after their kickstarter campaigns.

**French education startup “Digischool” raises 14 million euros**

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Digischool works with a team of 100 teachers to provide over 300,000 courses to people in the 15-25 age group. 90% of their content is available online free while the rest is for premium subscribers.

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**Science and Research**

**France’s pharmaceuticals regulatory agency suspends Theravectys manufacturing activity.**

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Another French biotech has had its clinical supply manufacturing shut down by French drug regulator ANSM, after inspectors found a number of serious problems.

**French eyeglass company invests in Israeli eyeglass company that can refocus itself**

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Israeli startup Deep Optics announces new funding round of $4 million after French company Essilor invests in its new product. The product will help people refocus on nearby objects.

**Sanofi hastens research into Zika virus cure**

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Just last month, Sanofi ($SNY) became the first Big Pharma player to enter the Zika vaccine R&D space as its peers calculated their responses and weighed their options. Now, the French pharma is taking it a step further, outlining its plans to devote dozens of scientists to the field in a move aimed at expediting its vaccine development.

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**Café des Sciences**

**Tuesday April 12, 2016**

6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

SPEAKER: Dr. Jeff Karp, Associate Professor at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Harvard Medical School

50 Milk Street, 17th floor, Milky Way Event Space, Boston, MA

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**New Members Welcome Reception at FACCNE**

**Thursday April 14, 2016**

6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

FACCNE, 185 Alewife Brook Parkway, 2nd floor, Cambridge

The Welcome New Members Reception takes place twice a year. It is the perfect occasion for new members to introduce their companies as well as their motivations of becoming a FACCNE’s member. The FACCNE welcomes all its members to participate at this wonderful networking event.
Open Innovation Techmeeting  
Tuesday, April 19, 2016  
5:00 PM to 8:30 PM  
Greentown Labs  
28 Dane Street, Somerville, MA  
Efficient Buildings And Sustainable Urban Development Techmeeting

Participating in the FAB Awards raises the profile of your company among the French business community and enables you to connect to the network of French-American businesses and research institutions, and to the French companies - medium and small - that have a presence in New England. 
On March 21st, the French-American Chamber of Commerce revealed the Finalists of the FAB Awards 2016:

April 27, 2016 : Award Ceremony & Gala at Royal Sonesta Cambridge  
Register and more info, click here

Immunomonitoring of clinical studies in oncology – Biology, medicine, health- Immutep S.A.S- Paris Region– Permanent position
Looking for Ph.D or master degree in immunology with proven experience with FACS analysis of APC or T cell subsets. Immutep S.A.S is a Small biotech firm developing first-in class biologics with several clinical studies completed or ongoing. An affiliate of Prima Biomed Ltd.  
Learn more

Postdoctoral position in pathogen protein degradation and immunity in Boston – Biology, medicine, health -Ragon Institute of MGH, MIT and Harvard – USA – Contract/Project
A NIH-funded postdoctoral position is currently available in the laboratory of Dr Sylvie Le Gall at the Ragon Institute of MGH, MIT and Harvard in Boston. The group is interested in deciphering the mechanisms of protein degradation during virus or bacteria infections.  
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Senior post-doc in uveal melanoma, SiRIC-Curie
SiRIC-Curie (Integrated Cancer Research Site) in partnership with the Translational Research Department at Institut Curie, Paris, France is looking for a senior post-doc in uveal melanoma.  
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Research Group Leader/Team Leader, therapeutic antibodies and oncology - Permanent Position
ACAVI is specialized in Human Resources for Scientific Research and helps Institutes to develop their strategic and operational projects in recruitment, assessment and consultancy.  
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