



French American Innovation Day 2011 – Science and Innovation: Translational Breakthroughs and Challenges – December 6th

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Where: Joseph B. Martin Conference Center of Harvard Medical School, 77 Louis Pasteur Ave. Boston, MA 02115-5701

When: December 6, 2011, from 8.30am to 5.30pm

Organized for several years by the Office for Science and Technology of the French Embassy ([Boston section](#)), FAID is an annual French American symposium that aims to foster the development of collaborations between France and the USA in an innovative research area.

The French American Innovation Day (FAID) is an annual French American seminar gathering scientists, industries and investors in state-of-the-art technologies. The aim of this event, organized by the Office of Science of the Embassy of France in U.S. is to:

- point up the French and American high level researches and connection
- pave the way for new collaborations between France and the USA
- explore the latest researches

Edition 2011:

Entitled “*Science and Innovation: The Challenges of Translational Breakthroughs*” , the seminar breaks down into 3 appealing sessions:

- **Session 1: “Deciphering complexity and diversity of life”**
- **Session 2: “Key competencies for innovation”**
- **Session 3: “New innovations in healthcare”**

The 2011 FAID will gather the most prominent scientists, both from the U.S. and France, in the engineering and biomedical science area as well as corporate executives from both countries.

The event is co-sponsored by [GIANT Innovation Campus \(France\)](#) and the Office of Science & Technology of the French Embassy to the USA.

The sponsors are partnering with [Pioneer Valley Life Sciences Institute, PVLISI \(MA, USA\)](#).

During recent years, the general observation is that many medical discoveries remain on the bench. By gathering basic and clinical researchers through the translational research and fostering the training of new generation of engineer / MD/ Entrepreneurs, GIANT Innovation Campus and the PVLISI wish to enhance their activities dedicated to innovation and connect with counterparts of both countries.

The FAID 2011 scientific directors are:

- Professeur Eva Pebay-Peroula, Director, Institute for Structural Biology (IBS); President, French National Research Agency; Member, French Academy of Sciences

And her U.S. counterpart

- Professeur Paul Friedmann, Executive director of PVLSI, Dean's Professor in Biomedical Innovation and Isenberg School of Management at UMass Amherst

Both are key opinion leaders in translational research in their respective countries.

They will moderate the sessions exploring research tools, training skills and know-how related to innovation in translational research.

Innovation is process involving students (doctorants and post-doctorants): at this purpose, a call for projects addressing U.S. based PhD candidates and intended to generate innovative projects.

The selected projects will be presented as a poster at the last session of the FAID. The laureate project will be awarded with one trip ticket to France to develop scientific cooperation in Grenoble.

The inscription is free: <http://www.france-science.org/faid2011>

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