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### Event

Wednesday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 – 8am to 7pm  
The Salk Institute for Biological Studies  
10010 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, CA

### FABS: a French American event dedicated to cooperation and innovation in Infectious Diseases

***Lyon, France, April 1st, 2008 – The French bioclusters, led by Lyonbiopôle, one of France's 7 world-class clusters and the Office for Science and Technology of the Embassy of France in Los Angeles, organize the 1st French American Biotechnology Symposium (FABS) on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008, at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in La Jolla (CA). The event is dedicated to "New Therapeutic and Vaccine Approaches in Infectious Diseases". It will be open by Pr Roger Guillemin, Distinguished Professor, Nobel Prize of Medecine, President by interim of The Salk Institute for Biological Studies and Philippe Larrieu, Consul General of France in Los Angeles.***

The 1st French American Biotechnology Symposium, launched by the Office for Science and Technology of the Embassy of France in Los Angeles, will be held yearly in California.

The FABS event aims to:

- Promoting research and innovation through Californian and French experiences
- Fostering French/Californian cooperation between research laboratories and biotech companies
- Encouraging the emergence of collaborative and innovative R&D projects.

Dedicated to the New Therapeutic and Vaccine Approaches in Infectious Diseases, the symposium will cover, during 4 sessions:

- the key issues for vaccine development
- the future of therapeutic monoclonal antibodies
- the advances of humanized animal models
- the new prospects for antimicrobial treatments.

For each session, the program includes French and American presentations followed by discussions, Q&A and round tables with the participants.

Pr Roger Guillemin, Distinguished Professor, Nobel Prize of Medecine, President by interim of The Salk Institute for Biological Studies and Philippe Larrieu, Consul General of France in Los Angeles will welcome French and American research centres and biotech companies expected to attend the symposium.

#### Chairmen:

Dr Jean-Yves Bonnefoy, Vice President, Research and Development Transgene (France)

Dr Shane Crotty, Assistant Professor La Jolla Institute for Allergy and Immunology (CA)

Pr James P. Di Santo, Professor of Immunology, Institut Pasteur France

Pr John A. T. Young, Ph.D., Professor and Faculty Chair, The Salk Institute for Biological Studies, La Jolla (CA).

#### Keynote speaker:

Dr Jacques Banchereau, Director, Baylor Institute for Immunology Research, Dallas (USA), Director Inserm U899, BIIR/ANRS/Inserm Center for Human Vaccines.



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**Speakers from following companies:** Nokad (France), Novartis (USA), Mutabilis SA (France), Vical Inc. (USA), Kirin Pharma USA Inc, GenOway (France), Innate Pharma (France)

**Speakers from following Research Centres:** Institut Pasteur (France) Claude Bernard University and Lyon Poison Center (Lyon, France), University of California Irvine –USA), The Salk Institute for Biological Studies (USA), Inserm Paris (France), The Scripps Research Institute La Jolla (USA), Kirin Pharma USA Inc. (USA), The Baylor Institute for Immunology (USA).

The symposium is organized by Lyonbiopôle (Rhône-Alpes Region, France) and the Office for Science and Technology of the French Embassy in Los Angeles, in partnership with The Salk Institute for Biological Studies (La Jolla, CA) and French BIO Beach (La Jolla, CA).

The event is supported by the French Ministry of Economy, Finance and Employment (DGE).

Other French Bio Competitiveness clusters attending the event: Alsace BioValley, Cancer-Bio-Health (Midi-Pyrénées Limousin Region), Orpheme (Languedoc-Roussillon PACA Region) and Medicen Paris Region.

Networking opportunities will be offered to French and American scientists and biotech entrepreneurs during the event and the day after: **On April 3<sup>rd</sup>**, FABZ (French American Bio Biz), is a business event dedicated to new ways for improving the Intellectual Property (IP) portfolio for US and French based companies.

More information on [www.frenchbiobeach.com](http://www.frenchbiobeach.com)

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#### About Lyonbiopôle

Lyonbiopôle is one of France's 7 world-class competitiveness clusters focused on the human and animal infectious diseases. It is built on the distinctive know-how of Lyon and Grenoble in the Rhône-Alpes region, an alliance between industrial biology, structural biology and micro and nanotechnology.

#### About The Office for Science and Technology of the French Embassy in Los Angeles

The Office for Science and Technology of the Embassy of France is a multidisciplinary team which develops programs in the following areas: life sciences, nanotechnologies, agronomy, environment, information technology, innovation and entrepreneurship. The main role of this office is to foster cooperation in science and technology between France and United States by different means, including organization of bilateral events such as the French American Biotech Symposium.

#### About The Salk Institute for Biological Studies (La Jolla, CA)

The Salk Institute for Biological Studies ranks among the leading research institutions in the world. Research developed in Salk laboratories provides new understanding and potential new therapies and treatments for a range of diseases—from Cancer, AIDS and Alzheimer's Disease, to cardiovascular disorders, anomalies of the brain and birth defect. This institute follows Jonas Salk's vision: Basic research is truly "*where cures begin.*"

#### About French BIO Beach

French BIO Beach is a young San Diego based association aiming at fostering academic and business partnerships between San Diego's entrepreneurial spirit and France's expertise in life sciences.