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## French State gives Lyonbiopôle competitiveness cluster favorable assessment

On June 18th, 2008 Hubert Falco, Secretary of State for Regional Development and Luc Chatel, Secretary of State for Industry and Consumption, published the results of the mission to assess France's competitiveness clusters.

According to the results of the study, Lyonbiopôle is among the 39 clusters that have fully met the objectives of the competitiveness cluster policy. On June 25th, President Nicolas Sarkozy announced the continuation of the clusters program with a new overall budget of 1.5 billion.

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« Fast-Track Partnering with France » second edition at BIO San Diego 2008: a true success



As part of BIO 2008, the French Bio Clusters, lead by Lyonbiopôle, one of France's 7 world-class Clusters, in collaboration with French BIO Beach, organized for the second edition a one day seminar called "Fast-Track R&D Partnering with France". More than 250 international biotech companies attended the event, supported by the French Ministry of the Economy, Industry and Employment.

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[The Life Science Corridor France signs a new agreement with the Massachusetts](#)



As part of BIO 2008, the Life Science Corridor France, gathering the three French bioclusters, Lyonbiopôle(Lyon-Grenoble), Alsace Biovalley (Strasbourg), the Cancer-Bio-Health (Toulouse), has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Massachusetts International Trade Council, Inc. and the Massachusetts Technology Transfer Center. The purpose of this partnership is to initiate collaboration through common operative programs.

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[Lyonbiopôle's PPTI: Protein'eXpert signs an international agreement](#)

The International Technological Partnership Program (PPTI) aims to support the international development of SMBs. First result: Protein'eXpert SA (Grenoble, France), a European contract research and manufacturing organization devoted to the early stage development and production of biotherapeutics, signed a Letter of Intent to expand development and manufacturing services with Althea Technologies Inc. (San Diego, United States), a leading provider of innovative technologies and services for pharmaceutical development and manufacturing. The agreement provides for the pairing of each companies highly complimentary expertise. with (San Diego, United States), a leading provider of innovative technologies and services for pharmaceutical development and manufacturing.

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[The Lyonbiopôle board re-elected](#)

The Board is composed of six permanent members (bioMérieux, Merial, sanofi pasteur, Becton Dickinson, Fondation Mérieux, CEA) and four members run again 2 years. On June 12th, 2008 board's Lyonbiopôle members re-elected Tristan Rousselle from Protein'eXpert and André Syrota from Inserm. Two other members have been elected: Thierry Abribat from Alizé Pharma and Jean-François Mornex from the University Claude Bernard Lyon 1. This election is valid two years, until December 31st, 2009.

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[New FOCUS: collaboration Lyonbiopôle / Guyane](#)



The Lyonbiopôle bulletin issued quarterly concerns the creation of the Guyana Tropical Health cluster, backing it with support from the Lyonbiopôle world competitive cluster and highlights the high collaboration potential expected.

→ [Download the FOCUS Lyonbiopôle bulletin](#)

### Save the date

Lyonbiopôle Partnering Days second edition, on October 24th, 2008

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This event aims to present the accredited and funded projects, to participate in the debate between Industry, SMBs and Academics and to present the five group themes spring from the first edition of Lyonbiopôle Partnering Days. Lyonbiopôle repeats this event to bring out new opportunities for partnerships R&D projects. October 24th, 2008 at Europole World Trade Center in Grenoble

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### Third call for projects for FP7's Health theme

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Among all of the calls for proposals, we would like to call your attention to the FP7's 3rd call for projects for the health theme, to be officially published in 3rd September. This call features a budget of over €590 million. 70 specific calls are to be announced, including calls dedicated to Malaria, Tuberculosis, HIV, Bacterial Resistance, Antibiotics and Systems Biology.

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### bioInnovation Day: call for proposals

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On December 1st, 2008 will take place in Lyon the bioInnovation Day session 2008, scientific meeting in the life sciences dedicated to economic development and technology transfer. Call to candidature: apply your project before September 10th, 2008.

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### French Intellectual Property Institute (INPI) services designed for Lyonbiopôle

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As part of a contract signed by both partners, the French National Intellectual Property Institute (INPI) and Lyonbiopôle offer member SMBs and research centers services and training in order to assist them in protecting their innovations and in managing collaborative projects.

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### Focus on...

ImmunID : first biotech to benefit from the pre-funding of subsidies



As part of the funding of its R&D projects, ImmunID has just benefited from the latest funding innovation program set up jointly by OSÉO, Place Financière de Lyon, and BNP-Paribas. This advance loan on subsidies is a guarantee by OSÉO that helps to speed up the launch of R&D programs accredited by Competitiveness Clusters, including Lyonbiopôle.

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## Save the dates

Lyonbiopôle will be on hand at these upcoming Life Sciences meetings around the world:

- BioContact Québec, October 1st to 3rd, 2008 Château Frontenac, Québec
- EuroBio 2008 October 7th to 9th, 2008 Palais des Congrès (Porte Maillot) à Paris
- BioJapan, October 15th to 17th, 2008 Yokohama, Japon
- Lyonbiopole Partnering Days, 2nd edition October 24th, 2008 Europole World Trade Center, Grenoble
- Europe INNOVA Conference 2008 October 22nd to 24th, Lyon
- Franco British Business Exchange on infectious diseases November 4th to 5th, 2008 Lyon
- bioInnovation Day December 1st, 2008 amphithéâtre Charles Mérieux, École normale supérieure de Lyon

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