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for 2010



Real success for the unique SMBs/private investors' day



The special event on: "SMB and private funding: how to strengthen your equity capital?" organized on Friday, December 4th, 2009, by Lyonbiopole, in partnership with Crealys, OSEO and with the support of Sanofi Pasteur,

welcomed 137 participants, of which more than 30 French regional and national investors. This event gave the opportunity to CEOs and project leaders of innovative and pre-incubated SMBs in the field of biotechnologies to meet and to exchange with private investors.

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In the framework of the Alps Bio Cluster project, Lyonbiopole and all their partners organize on Tuesday, December 1st, 2009 at the "Ecole

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Biotech and Medtech in Alpine Space

Normale Supérieure" in Lyon (Lyon 7) the first catalyst event on "Biotherapies and Diagnostics". This event welcomed more 35 persons. The day is organized in two parts. During the morning 8 companies/projects were presented by academics and industrials. The afternoon, three round tables were organized around the followings thematic: personalized medicine, therapies targeted against cancer and vaccination and immunotherapies. This moment of exchange allowed to put in relations participants and to favor new collaborative projects.

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[Lyonbiopole is present with 3 member companies on the west coast of the United States](#)

In the framework of its international development, Lyonbiopole was present with 3 members' companies, ImaXio, ImmunID and PXTherapeutics from, December 6th to 10th, 2009 in San Diego and San Francisco. Thanks to the support of Aderly, Invest in France Agency and UbiFrance, those companies benefited from personalized business meetings. At the same time, two events "FAST" (French American Scientific Track) were organized. The first one in San Diego at the Salk Institute in collaboration with French Bio Beach on the topic: "integrated solutions for immunotherapy development: case study from France". The second FAST entitled: "Window into French Life Science Companies" was organized in Palo Alto, in collaboration with the French American Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco (FACCSF) and has been held by Cooley Godward Kronish LLP.

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[Lyonbiopole 2010 new actions plan to support the international development of its SMBs members](#)

Lyonbiopole supports its SMBs members in their international development by proposing them several kind of actions : cluster's collective missions with the support of DGCIS and UbiFrance, Lyonbiopole' specific company missions, an accompanying program for set up international partnerships, organization of international business networking events like FABS and FTRD at the occasion of BIO International Convention in Chicago. To learn more about and participate to the 2010 program: meet us during the next Lunch Break Partnering on Friday, February 5th, 2010 at 12:00 noon in Lyonbiopole'site.

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[Save the date: next edition of FABS \(French American Biotechnology Symposium\)](#)



The next edition of FABS (French American Biotechnology Symposium) on "New Therapeutic & Vaccine Approaches in Infectious Diseases" will take place on March 16th, 2010 at the Salk Institute in La Jolla (CA). Two sessions have been planed: "Innovative Strategies in vaccine development" during the morning and "Systems biology and new therapeutic approaches" for the afternoon. In a coordinated way, a "FrenchBiotechTour" will be proposed to French companies by the economic mission/UbiFrance in San Francisco. It will consist to organize private business meetings with biotech companies targeted in the region of San Diego on March 15th and of San Francisco on March 17th, 2010.

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[Lyonbiopole organizes a breakfast SMB/Pharma at the occasion of BioSquare](#)

In 2010, BioSquare will take place on February 1st and 2nd, 2010 in Geneva. This event will gather major actors of bioconvergence, innovation and finance in the heart of one of the world's major financial places. Lyonbiopole sponsors BioSquare. In the framework of this collaboration, Lyonbiopole and BioSquare organize on Tuesday, February 2nd, 2010 at 7:30 am on the exhibition site a breakfast between Rhône-Alpes SMBs and international pharmaceutical industries present at this convention.

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[Promising results for MICROVAX, one of the first projects accredited by Lyonbiopole](#)



MICROVAX is one of the first R&D collaborative projects supported by the Single Inter-Ministry Fund (FUI). This project resulted in the development of a very innovative end product in the health sector. Accredited by Lyonbiopole and led by Becton Dickinson, Sanofi Pasteur and INSERM. MICROVAX aimed at

developing a new microinjection system for intradermal vaccination. This system is as efficient as the intramuscular vaccination and is additionally easier to use and more comfortable for the patients.

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[2010 program for new calls for projects launched by the National Research Agency \(ANR\)](#)

Among few ANR programming evolutions, Lyonbiopole wants to attract your attention on: 1/ the White program will represent in 2010, 50% of global budget of ANR calls for projects; 2/ the program restructuring for the thematic Biology– Health with three new thematic calls (Alzheimer disease; inflammatory mechanisms and stem cells); 3/ a lot of thematic calls integrated in White program and the publication of calls for company projects.

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[The 2nd IMI call for project is open](#)

The Innovative Medicines Initiative is a public/private partnership between pharmaceutical industries of EFPIA (European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations) and European Community. This project aims at supporting from a financial point of view, the European research collaborations in the field of innovative drugs in order to strengthen their safety and efficacy. The 2nd IMI call for project is opened since November 27th, 2009. It contains 9 specific calls. Lyonbiopole, member of the IMI Working Group, remain at your disposal for any further information and to support its members in applying to the IMI call.

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[Save the date: 4th edition of Lyonbiopole Partnering Days](#)



The 4th edition of the Lyonbiopole Partnering Days will take place on October 7th, 2010 at the World Trade Center of Grenoble.

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[Services and training on industrial property](#)

Lyonbiopole and the French Intellectual Property Institute (INPI) have renewed their contract to offer services and training on Industrial property designed for SMEs and Research Centers. The services include five different tools to assist Lyonbiopole's members in protecting their innovations and in managing collaborative projects: 1/

Initial Intellectual Property assessment; 2/ Strategic & competitive information search services ; 3/ Assistance in industrial property for collaborative projects; 4/ Access to INPI professional training days and 5/ training program "industrial property for biotech and health industries". This program is composed by 9 modules of 2 hours each that will take place in Lyon, based on a monthly frequency between January and November 2010.

→ [See French program](#)

[New training on Consortium Agreements](#)

Following the successful edition of 2009, the 4 competitiveness clusters Minalogic, Axelera, Lyonbiopole and Tenerrdis renew their training program on consortium agreements. This program aims to inform project partners on legal, contractual and organizational issues when participating to collaborative projects. Built on a participatory mode, this training is designed for project leaders (current or future), and anyone directly or indirectly involved in projects. It includes nine modules from January to November 2010. Each module will take place both in Lyon on Fridays (8:30 AM to 10:30 AM) and in Grenoble on Tuesdays (12:00 AM to 2:00 PM).

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[National loan: € 1.5 billion for OSEO](#)

Last December 14th, 2009, on the basis of the Juppé-Rocard report, the French President Nicolas Sarkozy has officially announced the five future priorities of the National Loan: higher education, health and biotechnologies, industry, Green Development and Numerical Economy. € 1.5 billion will be attributed to OSEO in order to strengthen its actions on innovative companies funding.

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[Cytoo, member of Lyonbiopole, opens a U.S. subsidiary](#)

The Grenoble Company Cytoo, focused on applications in cell based assays, high content analysis and cell screening for life sciences research, announced that it is expanding its operations to serve researchers in the United States by opening a U.S. subsidiary headquartered in Framingham, Massachusetts. Since its creation in 2008, Cytoo has created 15 jobs in Grenoble and new ones will be generated soon in Massachusetts.

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[FINOVI Foundation announces the allocation of € 600.000 budget to support the local academic research teams](#)

In the framework of its call for tender, the FINOVI Board of Directors chaired by Charles Kleiber met on last November 30th, 2009 in order to discuss about the 4th call for tender to finance the infectious diseases research projects. The funding will be dedicated to projects in the field of viral hepatitis.

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[2nd edition Christophe Mériex Conference: "New Trends in Tumor Virology"](#)

This conference will take place from 17th to 19th of January 2010, at the Conference Center "Les Pensières" at Veyrier-du-Lac (Annecy). This conference aims to make an overview of the recent findings concerning viruses responsible for cancers. Indeed, more than 25% of cancers are linked to infections, especially the viral ones. The objective of this meeting is to understand mechanisms of cellular transformation induced by viruses during the cancer process and the impact on public health, in order to create new strategies for prevention and treatment. Roughly 120 international experts, scientists and clinicians, will share their knowledge and experiences with the aim to define more adapted strategies to improve the management of viro-induced cancers.

Students in thesis are invited to present poster during the dedicated sessions. This event is organized by Mérieux Foundation in partnership with FINOVI Foundation, CLARA and Lyonbiopole.

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GenOway is a biotechnology company developing genetically modified and high value-added research models for the bio-pharmaceutical, chemical, agrochemical and food industry as well as for academic research.

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Save the dates

The upcoming Life Sciences meetings Lyonbiopole around the world:

- **Christophe Mérieux Conference: New Trends in Tumor Virology**, January from 17th to 19th, 2010, Veyrier-du-Lac (Annecy)
- **BioPartnering Vancouver**, January, from 24th to 28th, 2010, Canada
- **BioSquare**, February, from 1st to 2nd, 2010, Genève
- **FABS**, , March 16th, 2010, La Jolla (CA)
- **FrenchBiotechTour California**, March 17th, 2010 in San Diego and March 18th, 2010 to Bay Area
- **5th edition of CLARA Scientific Days**, March, 30th and 31st, 2010, Villeurbanne
- **BIO International Convention**, May from 3rd to 6th, 2010, Chicago
- **Shanghai 2010 Health week**, June from 2nd to 5th, 2010, Shanghai
- **Bio Medisraël**, June from 14th to 16th, 2010, Tel-Aviv
- **Bio Pharm America**, September from 15th to 17th, 2010, Boston
- **BioJapan, September from 29th to October 1st, 2010, Japan**
- **Bio Contact**, October 6th and 7th, 2010, Québec
- **4th edition of Partnering Days**, October 7th, 2010, Grenoble
- **BioVision**, March from 27th to 29th, 2011, Lyon