

## EDITORIAL

Dear Colleagues,

This summer letter is the opportunity to announce an important change at the direction of the ENP. I have been involved in the preparation of this project since 2005, as the coordinator of the RTRA application and then as director when it was created in 2007. This was a challenge and a serious responsibility. With the help of my colleagues of the Steering Committee and the ENP team, and the strong support of the Chairman of the Foundation, Bernard Esambert, we have been able to launch many programs, which were new and, I hope, helpful for the Neuroscience research community in Paris region. I am proud of what we did and I warmly thank all the ENP members for all their contributions. Altogether this was more than 5 years of strong personal involvement. I am convinced that this kind of collective responsibility should not be carried out by the same person for a too long period. New ideas and initiatives are needed. In addition, as many of my colleagues.

Therefore, I decided it was time to step down and focus even more on my research. **Patricia Gaspar**, an outstanding neuroanatomist and developmental biologist, whom most of you know and who has already done a lot for the ENP, as head of the PhD Program, will be the new Director, **starting in September**. I wish Patricia a lot of success for this exciting job.

I hope to see many of you at our next ENP days in Deauville, 16-17 September 2010.... Don't forget to register now!!!!

Best regards

Jean-Antoine Girault

## SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

### Scientific Advisory Board

B. Everitt, coordinator of the ENP SAB, and seven members (M. Filbin, S. Grant, C. Houart, A. Luthi, E. Neher, M-G. Spillantini, R. Quirion) gathered on June, 21<sup>st</sup>, at the *Hôtel Massa*, Paris, to evaluate new applications to the ENP. In addition they listened to presentations by B. Lambolze, U. Maskos, M. Pessiglione, A-L. Giraud and S. Lehericy about their previously funded collaborative projects. Athena Ypsilanti, presented the different missions and activities of the ENP student office. Four ENP students (Y. Cui, E. Yavuz, P-J. Arduin, N. Deghani) presented the progress of their research. All the SAB members enjoyed the quality of the exchanges/discussions during this event.

### Chair of excellence

The ENP Steering Committee and Board of Trustees validated the application for "chair of excellence" of C. Wyart, currently post-doc at UC Berkeley under the supervision of Ehud Y. Isacoff. She works on manipulation and recording of neuronal activity *in vivo* using optogenetics in the zebrafish. C. Wyart will join the ICM (*Institut du Cerveau et de la Moëlle*) in July.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Call of the PhD Program

On the 296 applications, four applicants coming from China, India, Russia, & USA, were selected to join the PhD Program and will arrive in Paris in September 2010.

### A new European PhD Program in Neurosciences

On behalf of the *Ecole Doctorale 3C* and the ENP, a meeting to explore the possibility of an European PhD Program in Neurosciences was organized at the Institut du Fer à Moulin on June, 24<sup>th</sup> 2010. This project involves several Neuroscience programs: SISSA (Trieste, Italy), Universidad Autonoma de Madrid (Spain), the Champalimaud Neuroscience Program (Lisbon, Portugal), the Edinburgh University (United Kingdom), the Semmelweis University (Budapest, Hungary), the Pierre & Marie Curie University and ENP. This project is coordinated by Jean-Christophe Poncer ([jean-christophe.poncer\[at\]inserm.fr](mailto:jean-christophe.poncer[at]inserm.fr)) on behalf of ED3C and ENP.

## EVENTS

### International Meeting on the History of the Neurosciences - June 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> - Paris

The ENP supported and was present at the afternoon session and dinner of the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Society for the History of the Neurosciences (ISHN), held at the *Amphitheatre Charcot, GH Pitié-Salpêtrière*, Paris. J. G. Barbara, organizer of the meeting, was glad to host more than 50 participants coming from all over the world.

### Stem Cells

The ENP Stem Cells Meeting 2010 that held at the *Abbaye des Vaux-de-Cernay*, on June 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> was a real success with 120 participants ([event report available online](#)).

### SFN 2010

A. Chédotal (*Institut de la Vision*), S. Oliet (*Inst. Magendie / Sté. des Neurosciences*) & J. A. Girault (IFM/ENP) with the support of the French Embassy in Los Angeles, will organize a "French Social Event", on November 15<sup>th</sup> during the SFN 2010. This event is a real opportunity to promote the different neuroscience research programs and institutes (ENP, CEA, CRICM, Collège de France, Fondation Voir & Entendre, ITMO Neurosciences, etc.) to the French scientists and post-docs working abroad.

### ENP Days 2010 - September 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - Hôtel Amiraute, Deauville

The preliminary program and the online registrations are available on: <http://journées-enp2010.risc.cnrs.fr/>.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ENP Calls 2010

7<sup>th</sup> call for applications  
ENP PhD Program

Deadline: September, 30  
[More details online](#)

A call for proposals for a new  
research group at the Centre des  
Saint-Pères

[More details online](#)

### ENP's EVENTS

-scientific events organised &  
supported by ENP-

September 2010 - 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>  
ENP Days 2010

*Hôtel Amiraute, Deauville*  
Registrations deadline: August, 23  
<http://journées-enp2010.risc.cnrs.fr>

December 2010 - 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>  
1<sup>st</sup> French-British Conference on  
Visual Perception  
*Centre des Saints-Pères*

## JOBS

Two 2-year postdoctoral positions  
in Neurosignaling

A 3-year postdoctoral position in  
Developmental Neuroscience

A 1-year postdoctoral position in  
Genetics & Neuroscience

[More jobs online](#)

## ENP Students

Different forms and documents are  
now downloadable, like the "ENP  
Duties & Guidelines", the "Student  
Guide", the "Lab-rotations form",  
etc.

[Learn more](#)

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