



**BOSTON-PARIS Biotechnology Summit™,  
1<sup>st</sup> Edition of the First Franco-American Exchange Event, May 18, 2017  
at the Pasteur Institute, Paris 75015.**

**Paris, France - March 29, 2017** -The BOSTON-PARIS Biotechnology Summit, an international trade conference bringing together the major Boston and French-speaking players in the biotech investment industry, is announcing that it will hold its first edition in Paris on May 18, 2017, at the Pasteur Institute's historic Duclaux Amphitheatre. In the course of the day, nearly 250 professionals will gather for this independent and innovative initiative to discuss the best practices on innovation strategies, on conducting a road show with financiers, and the measures to be implemented to successfully penetrate the U.S. market. Finally, 10 selected startup companies will present their growth strategy before a panel of experts via posters.

**Frederick E. Pierce II, CEO of FEP Capital Advisors, Expert in business development / and investor relations, Cambridge MA, New York, Beijing and Shanghai. He will chair a key session at the Paris Summit. He states:** *"Biotech innovation and investment has no borders, yet investors in local markets around the globe have specific expectations as to what their portfolio companies should look like and how they should operate. Biotech innovators who wish to raise funds must understand the business culture, and what local investors expect of their potential business partners and collaborators. This process isn't always easy for foreign business owners, but when undertaken properly can be enormously rewarding and result in highly successful partnerships and financings. As a "serial entrepreneur" and investor in Boston, arguably one of the most successful centers in the world, I look forward to sharing my professional insights with my distinguished French colleagues and entrepreneurs".*

**Jacques-Bernard Taste, Editor-in-Chief of Biotech-Finances magazine, Co-Organizer of the event adds:** *"For the last 3 years, we have been seeing more and more French players successfully establishing themselves in Boston. This momentum should be maintained and increased, but needless to say, the U.S. market remains difficult for various reasons. So it is thus essential that candidates for relocation to Boston be well prepared and have the best networks with reasonable deadlines".*

**Dr. Pravin Chaturvedi is a member of the event's Programming Committee. Founder and CEO of several Biotech companies, he has held Senior Management positions in Cambridge MA. He states:** *"The Greater Boston area is the largest hub for Life Sciences biotech enterprises in the world and includes companies that are dedicated to the development of novel diagnostic and therapeutic tools. Thus the "best minds" are working together in an ecosystem. This cooperation seeks to introduce highly-innovative product to address the unmet medical needs of the patients. The Boston biotech entrepreneurial community is supported by many angel and venture capital investors, as well as by several incubators and accelerators. There are more than 700 biotech companies in the Greater Boston area supplemented by the R&D centers of large multinational pharmaceutical companies like Merck, Novartis, Pfizer and Sanofi. I have seen the greater Boston area develop over the past 25 years. "Moreover, I am delighted that in the last 5 years, more and more French entrepreneurs are making at commitment here".*

**Laure Berliner, Pharm D., Chairperson of FABS: French-American Biotech Springboard in Boston adds:** *"The U.S. market isn't like any other market because of its size and the diversity of the states. Our Paris meeting in May is also a trial run to prepare for the "BIO International Convention" meeting in June 2017 with its more than 15,000 major participants, which is so significant on French CEOs' calendar".*

**Dr. Shahin Gharakhanian, Founder of the BOSTON-PARIS Biotechnology Summit, concludes:** *We are working to establish a bridge between the Boston biotech community, which remains the deepest and most powerful in the world, and the French players that rank among the most dynamic. The French biotech industry has proven its ability to elevate a number of companies to be among the most promising. We are very proud to bring together a wide range of influential people at this first edition of the BOSTON-PARIS Biotechnology Summit, in order to consolidate this maturation process. This meeting comes at a time when we, the industry professionals, need collaboration more than ever".*

**Tentative program for the BOSTON-PARIS Biotechnology Summit™ - May 18, 2017 - Pasteur Institute:**

- 08:00-08:45: Registration / Welcome coffee
- 9:00-9:15: Inauguration by public figures from France and Massachusetts
- 9:30-12:00: "Strategy & Innovation" Plenary Meeting, Chair of Maryvonne Hiance (France Biotech), with Stéphane Bancel (CEO of Moderna Therapeutics), Youssef Bennani (VP R&D Vertex Pharmaceuticals), Rafaele Tordjman (Sofinnova Partners). Roundtable hosted by J-B Taste, Biotech-Finances
- 12:00-1:30: Lunch. "Entrepreneurs Forum" with innovative start-ups.
- 1:30-3:30: Roundtable "CEOs on the Roadshow!" with Frederick E. Pierce II (CEO, FEP Capital Advisors), Julius Steffen (Bionest Partners), Christophe Bancel (CEO, Gecko Biomedical), Vanessa Elharrar (Fmr. NIH: National Institutes of Health), Sofia Ioannidou (Edmond de Rothschild Investment Partners), Samuel Murphy (Biopharma Capital).
- 4:00-5:30: Roundtable "Implementing Your Strategy" with Bruno Lucidi (Walloon Agency for Investment, EU Horizon 2020 Expert), Laurent Levy/Patrick Tricoli (CEO, Nanobiotix) Jennifer Bock (McDermott, Will & Emery), Gregory Mannix, (Life Science Nation) Shahin Gharakhanian (Organizing Committee).
- 5:30-6:00: Keynote Overview "Bringing It All Together" David Meek (CEO IPSEN).

**About the BOSTON-PARIS Biotechnology Summit™:**

The BOSTON-PARIS Biotechnology Summit is an independent initiative supported by a panel of professionals from the biotech industry on both sides of the Atlantic. It seeks to establish a relationship between Boston and French players and to encourage sustainable synergies in terms of investment, science, "market access" and regulatory practices. The French biotech companies' efficient move to U.S. soil, particularly in the Greater Boston area, this industry's "Worldwide Mecca", demonstrates how French companies have matured in the Life Sciences. The Boston-based Organizing Committee is seeking a "Win-Win" relationship in both directions.

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