



## Center for American Progress



***At the Embassy of France on June 14 (4101 Reservoir Rd NW)***

*Human embryonic stem cell research is a source of great debate, pitting the promise of cures for life-saving diseases against ethical concerns about the instrumentalizing of human life. This tension has engendered extensive discussions in most E.U. countries as well as the U.S., resulting in policies that are the product of long and passionate debate.*

*Research on stem cells is rapidly moving forward and possible clinical benefits are considered as an ultimate goal. As the science advances, current policies must be adapted to keep pace. As these policies continue to evolve, it is important to maintain an international dialogue, so that these policies in the E.U. countries and the U.S. do not diverge in a manner that slows research and hampers collaboration.*

*The Office of Science and Technology of the Embassy of France and the Center for American Progress are hosting an international workshop on stem cell science, ethics and policies. The conference will be co-hosted by Science and Technology Offices from E.U. embassies, as well as the Delegation of the European Commission in Washington.*

*The workshop will bring together scientists, ethicists, and policy makers from Europe and the U.S. to exchange information, discuss policies and practices, and promote transatlantic cooperation within the field. The conference will include distinguished participants from France, the United States, Great Britain, the Netherlands, Germany and the European Commission.*

**Organizers:**

- **Hedi Haddada**, *Scientific Attaché, Embassy of France*
- **Brice Obadia**, *Deputy Scientific Attaché, Embassy of France*
- **Jonathan Moreno**, *Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress, and David and Lyn Silfen University Professor, University of Pennsylvania*
- **Sam Berger**, *Special Assistant to the Senior Fellows, Center for American Progress*

**Local organization and coordination:**

- **Sophia Gray**, *Assistant, Embassy of France*

**With the participation of:**

- **Canice Nolan**, *First Counselor, Delegation of the E.C.*
- **Laurent Bochereau**, *Scientific Counselor, Delegation of the E.C.*
- **Vittorio Daniore**, *Scientific Attaché, Embassy of Italy.*
- **Joshua Mandel**, *Senior Science and Technology Advisor, British Embassy*



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**Thursday June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 (Embassy of France)**

**7:30** | **Registration and Breakfast**

**Opening Adresses:**

<b>8:15</b>	<b>Hedi Haddada,</b> <i>Science Attaché, Embassy of France in Washington, DC</i>
	<b>Michel Israël,</b> <i>Scientific Counselor, Embassy of France in Washington, DC</i>

**Welcoming remarks :**

<b>8:20</b>	<b>His Excellency François Rivasseau,</b> <i>Minister Counselor of France in the United States and Deputy Head of Mission</i>
<b>8:30</b>	<b>His Excellency Angelos Pangratis,</b> <i>Deputy head of delegation, Delegation of the E.C., Washington, DC</i>
<b>8:40</b>	<b>Jonathan Moreno,</b> Senior Fellow, the Center for American Progress and <i>Professor, University of Pennsylvania</i>

**Session I: Scientific Advances**  
**“hope, not hype!”**

**Moderators:**

- **Rocky Tuan,** Chief, Cartilage Biology and Orthopaedics Branch, National Institutes of Health, United States
- **Alain Privat,** Professor, Institut des Neurosciences, CHU St Eloi, France
- **Ali Brivanlou,** Professor and Head of the laboratory of molecular embryology, The Rockefeller University, United States

**Plenary session:**

<b>9:00</b>	<b>“Stem Cells: characteristics, hopes and limits”</b> <b>Story Landis,</b> Director of NIH Stem Cells Task Force and Director of NINDS <i>National Institute of Health, United States</i>
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**9:45** | **Coffee break**

**Scientific Presentations: Possible Applications and Limits in Daily Work:**

<b>10 :15</b>	<b>Alain Privat</b> <i>Institut des Neurosciences, CHU St Eloi, France</i>
<b>10 :30</b>	<b>Ali Brivanlou,</b> <i>The Rockefeller University, United States</i>
<b>10:45</b>	<b>G. Ian Gallicano</b> <i>Georgetown University Medical Center, United States</i>

<b>11:00</b>	<b>Bruno Péault</b> <i>Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute, United States</i>
<b>11:15</b>	<b>Niels Geijsen</b> <i>Harvard University, United States</i>
<b>11:30</b>	<b>Chad Cowan</b> <i>Harvard Medical School, United States</i>
<b>11:45</b>	<b>Michel Puceat</b> <i>"Potential embryonic stem cell therapy for heart failure"</i> <i>I-Stem, Evry 91004 cedex, France</i>
<b>12:00</b>	<b>Frank Yates</b> <i>INSERM, Hopital Paul Brousse, France</i>
<b>12:15</b>	<b>Rocky Tuan</b> <i>National Institutes of Health, United States</i>

<b>12:30-</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
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**Session II : Stem Cells and Ethics**  
**"The state of regulatory policies, business practices and public education"**

**Moderators:**

- **Alta Charo**  
*Co-chair, National Academies Committee for Guidelines on hESC research and Professor, Wisconsin University, United States*
- **Caroline Trouet**  
*Legal Officer, Directorate for Public Health in DG Health and Consumer Protection. Belgium*

**Plenary session:**

**14:00**            **Debra Matthews**  
*Johns Hopkins University, United States*

<b>14:15</b>	<b>Caroline Trouet</b> <i>Legal Officer, Directorate for Public Health in DG Health and Consumer Protection, Belgium</i> <i>"EU policy and regulatory developments on stem cells"</i>
<b>14:30</b>	<b>Peter Braude</b> <i>Department of Women's Health at King's College London, England</i>
<b>14:45</b>	<b>Sophie Lucas</b> <i>Head of Unit for Biological product evaluation, AFSSAPS, France</i> <i>Cells, tissus, organ : « assessment »</i>
<b>15:00</b>	<b>Rudolf Teuwsen</b> <i>Leiter der Geschäftsstelle, Nationaler Ethikrat, Germany</i>
<b>15:15</b>	<b>Jonathan Moreno,</b> <i>Former Co-chair of the National Academies Committee for Guidelines on hESC</i>

	<i>research, United States</i>
<b>15:30</b>	<b>Marie Odile Ott</b> <i>Agence de la Biomédecine, France</i>

**Panel session and Conclusion**

<b>16:00</b>	<b>Round table:</b> <i>What regulations will be acceptable for scientists and the public, while still respecting ethical guidelines?</i>
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**Carine Camby**

*Agence de Biomédecine, France*

**Michael Werner**

*The Werner Group, United States*

**Bruno Péault**

*University of Pittsburgh, United States*

**Laurence Dayron**

*Boston, United States*

**Debra Matthews**

*Johns Hopkins University, United States*

**Rudolf Teuwsen**

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*University of Wisconsin, United States*

**Sophie Lucas**

*AFSSAPS, France*

<b>17:00</b>	<b>Jonathan Moreno</b> <i>Center for American Progress and University of Pennsylvania</i> <i>General conclusion</i>
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