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Peptide meeting at the University of Rouen

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THEMATIC DAY

PEPTIDE DELIVERY FOR THERAPEUTIC AND COSMETIC APPLICATIONS

MAISON DE L'UNIVERSITÉ
UNIVERSITÉ OF ROUEN
MONT-SAINT-AIGNAN CAMPUS
26th NOVEMBER 2014
9AM-5PM

GUEST SPEAKERS
 ZIROMA UCHEGBU (NANOMERICS)
 JOEL RICHARD (IPSEN)
 MICHEL KHRESTCHATISKY (CNRS & CO-FOUNDER OF VECT-HORUS)
 PAOLO BOTTI (ARISGEN)
 KARL LINTNER (KAL'IDÉES)
 ROGER NEW (PROXIMA SCIENTIFIA S.r.l.)

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 Registration and abstract submission: <http://primacen.fr/meeting/Peptides>

Researchers from the University of Rouen, in partnership with the Cosmetic Valley cluster, Technopole CBS and GFPP, will organize a series of lectures on "Peptide delivery for therapeutic and cosmetic applications" at the Maison de l'Université, on the campus of Mont-Saint-Aignan, University of Rouen (France), on November 26, 2014. This meeting will bring together international experts including **Ijeoma UCHEGBU** (Nanomerics) 'Developing neuropeptide therapeutics-overcoming the blood brain barrier challenge', **Paolo BOTTI** (Arisgen) 'Non invasive administration of peptides', **Michel KHRESTCHATISKY** (CNRS & co-founder of Vect-Horus) 'Development of peptide vectors for the delivery of drugs and imaging agents to different organs, notably the brain', **Joel RICHARD** (Ipsen) 'Peptide delivery: where do we stand and what does the future hold?', **Karl LINTNER** (KAL'Idées) 'Peptides and skin: eppure penetrato!' and **Roger NEW** (Proxima concepts limited) 'Peptide formulations for oral delivery'. Two additional oral presentations will be selected from submitted abstracts. Posters will also be presented at lunch time and visits of the PRIMACEN and PISSARO platforms will be organized at the end of the day. Participation to this event is free but registration is mandatory before November 14, 2014 at the following address: <http://primacen.fr/meeting/Peptides>. For further information, please contact **David VAUDRY** (david.vaudry@univ-rouen.fr) or **Jérôme LEPRINCE** (jerome.leprince@univ-rouen.fr).



19th GFPP Congress

We are pleased to announce the program for the 19th GFPP congress (French Group for Peptides and Proteins). This event will take place in Portbail (Manche, France) from May 17 to 22, 2015. More than 200 scientists working in the field of peptides and proteins will present their work in a unique environment combining scientific sessions and accommodation, to foster collaborations. This conference will give graduate, doctoral and post-doctoral students the opportunity to meet with French and foreign top-level researchers through thirty reserved scholarships. To view the program and to register, connect to: <http://www.gfpp.fr>. For more information please contact **Jérôme LEPRINCE** (jerome.leprince@univ-rouen.fr).



RegPep2016



During the 20th International Symposium on Regulatory Peptides that took place in Kyoto (Japan) in September 2014, it was decided that the next meeting of the International Regulatory Peptide Society will be organized in Rouen (France) in 2016. This RegPep2016 will be a joint meeting with the Summer Neuropeptide Conference and the European Neuropeptide Club. This meeting will focus on peptides which regulate cell, tissue and organ functions in physiological or pathological conditions. Presentations will address both basic and clinical research, participation of clinicians and private companies will be encouraged, and some sessions will include evolutionary aspects. A call for symposia will be launched during the first semester of 2015. For more information, please contact **David VAUDRY** (david.vaudry@univ-rouen.fr).



Recruitment



Mr. **Paul GIULIANI**, former administrator of PeReNE at INSERM U982, started his new position as Research Support Officer at the University of Liverpool on September 10, 2014. **Paul GIULIANI** is involved in post-award management of research grants at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, from the award of grants to administrative closure. He will also be the lead coordinator for the monitoring of ERDF grants at the University of Liverpool.

Science Festival 2014

The importance of peptides in biological processes and health together with the PeReNE project have been presented in Rouen, Le Havre and Evreux to children and their parents during the Science Festival that took place from October 9 to 11, 2014.



Nomination

During the 20th *International Symposium on Regulatory Peptides* that took place in Kyoto (Japan) in September 2014, Dr **David VAUDRY** was nominated member of the Steering Committee of the International Regulatory Peptide Society (<http://www.regpep-society.com>). Professor Jens **Peter GOETZE** is now the new chairman of the RegPep society and Professor **Schmidt WOLFGANG**, Editor-in-Chief of *Regulatory Peptides*, has also joined the Steering Committee.

PeReNE 4th Steering Committee



The 4th Steering Committee of the PeReNE project was organized by **Michèle BOITEL**, **Francois GUÉRINEAU** and their colleagues from the University of Picardie Jules Verne in Amiens on October 27 and 28. During the meeting Drs **Olivier LESOUHAITIER**, **Thomas KNIGGE**, **Moïse COEFFIER**, **Sara FIDALGO** and **David VAUDRY** gave presentations of their research activities. Researchers of the PeReNE project had also the opportunity to visit **Root Lines Technology**, the **Amiens Regional Center for Resources in Molecular Biology** and the **IMPROVE Platform**.

PeReNE 5th Steering Committee and final meeting

The 5th Steering Committee and final meeting of the PeReNE project will be organized by Dr **Thomas KNIGGE** and his colleagues from the University of Le Havre on January 15 and 16, 2015. During this meeting, researchers of the network will present through oral or poster communications their latest results on peptide research. Plenary lectures will also be given by internationally renowned speakers. Registration and abstract submission for this meeting should be made before December 12 at the following address: <http://primacen.fr/meeting/PeReNE>. For more information regarding this event, please contact **Thomas KNIGGE** (knigget@univ-lehavre.fr).



'Nanomaterials and Human Health' workshop

A workshop dedicated to the nanomaterials topic was organized at the Keynes College on September 15 and 16, 2014, as a joint venture between PeReNE, IUPAC Division VII and University of Kent. Thirty-seven participants originating from 9 countries (Ukraine, Slovakia, Italy, France, Germany, Spain, Ireland, England, Egypt) attended the symposium. There were 17 oral presentations plus poster sessions. Professor **Clive ROBERTS** (Head of School of Pharmacy at Nottingham University), Dr **Didier BAZILE** (Head of Drug Delivery Technologies and Innovation at Sanofi-Aventis), Professor **Lisa HALL**



(Deputy Head of the Department of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology at the University of Cambridge) and Dr **Francesco RICCI** (from the Università di Roma Tor Vergata) were among the keynote and invited speakers that gave lectures at the workshop. The speakers presented original research work on various theranostic applications of nanoparticles such as gas-filled nanobubbles that improve ultrasound signals of blood vessel walls or specific nanoparticle targeting in diseased tissues. The chair of the organizing committee, Dr. **Vladimir GUBALA** said: *'The workshop provided a dynamic, diverse and collegial environment with academic, industrial and regulatory viewpoints. Importantly, the meeting also offered a unique opportunity for junior scientists to present their work in poster format and to exchange ideas with leaders in the field'*.

