



PASTEUR FOUNDATION

THE INSTITUT PASTEUR AND ITS GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH NETWORK: A RESPONSE TO THE THREAT OF AN AVIAN INFLUENZA OUTBREAK IN HUMANS

**A 1-hour videoconference on Friday, March 10, 2006 at Noon (EST)
View the live webstream* at <http://commonsvcg.oar.net/Internet2/>**

Michèle Boccoz, Director of International Affairs of the Institut Pasteur, will discuss the history and current activities of one of the unique facets of this institution: its International Network. The Institut Pasteur is a private, non-profit research foundation that for over 100 years has been dedicated to the prevention and treatment of infectious diseases through biological research, education and public health activities. Its global network, headquartered in Paris, today links some 29 independent institutions that are united by the same values, culture and mission: to improve worldwide public health. As a particularly pertinent example of the network's activity, Ms. Boccoz will discuss the recently announced accord between the Institut Pasteur and the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services to work together to strengthen our global capacity to detect influenza viruses that could potentially trigger a human pandemic.

The presentation will take place over Internet2 and be moderated by Lafayette College biology professor, Robert Kurt, a specialist in immunology. Joining Ms. Boccoz and Dr. Kurt will be the Executive Director of the Pasteur Foundation in New York, Caitlin Hawke, who will talk about research funding opportunities for U.S. undergraduates and scientists at the Institut Pasteur in Paris.

Audiences from Lafayette and Wheaton Colleges will follow-up in French and English in an Internet Question and Answer session with the panelists.

The Pasteur Foundation's centennial exhibit is currently on display in the Lafayette Foreign Language Resource Center and is open to the public.

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