



FONDATION
THIERRY LATRAN

under the aegis of Fondation de France

**European Foundation
dedicated to research
in the fields of ALS and Motor neurons**

Set up in June 2008

www.fondation-thierry-latran.org

Why create a new Foundation ?

- **To encourage research through making financing available**
- **To meet a perceived and obvious demand by the Scientific Community**
 - dedicated just and only to the fields of ALS and motor neurons
 - whose purpose is to finance the « best » of research projects and teams
 - across Europe, without national barriers
 - encouraging cross-fertilisation, networking and exchanges
- **To accelerate pharmaceutical and therapeutical translations of key findings in patients best interests**



How does it work ? (1)

- **non-profit organization**
- **under the aegis of Fondation de France and corresponding philanthropic bodies in Europe (Fondation Roi Baudouin, ...)**
- **funding secured for 10 years**
 - following a strict set of governance rules
 - securing perrenity (not a « one-shot », « one-year » initiative)
 - transparent and certified accounts
 - keeping administrative expenses to an absolute minimum making sure that donations are directed towards research only



How does it work ? (2)

- **Executive Committee (17 members)**

- **College A, representing the Founder**

- **College B, comprised of Scientists**

- Antoine Béret, entrepreneur (biotech sector)
- **Pr Jean-Pierre Changeux**, Emeritus Professor at Collège de France, Emeritus Professor at The Pasteur Institute, Member of Académie des Sciences
- Dr Laurent Ganem, General Practitioner, Venture capitalist (health and biotech sectors)
- **Pr Julien Mendlewicz**, Neuropsychiatrist, Chairman of the European Brain Council, PhD in molecular genetics, Professor at University of Brussels
- François Florimond Desprez, industrialist (biotech sector)

- **College C, comprised of independent representatives**



How does it work ? (3)

**A pan european Scientific Advisory Board
whose role is to review and rank abstracts and full applications
and make recommendations to the Executive Commitee**

THE FOUNDATION SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD

Pr. Wim Robberecht (Leuven University, Belgium) ,Chairman

Pr. Caterina Bendotti (Mario Negri Institute, Milano, Italy)

Pr. Linda Greensmith (University College London, United Kingdom)

Dr. Eva Hedlund (Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden)

Pr. Albert Ludolph (Ulm University, Germany)

Pr. Vincent Meininger (Salpêtrière Hospital, Paris, France)

Pr. Leonard H Van den Berg (Utrecht University, The Netherland)



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What have we achieved so far in terms of fund raising?

- Donors are originating from the business and finance community and have had long-time relationship with Founder Thierry Latran
- A Foundation set up by entrepreneurs for their friend “geared towards efficiency and results”
- Funds raised (June 2008-November 2009): **€ 2.4 m**
- Commitments 10 years: **€ 7m**
- A small but trustful “core” donors base: **120** from across Europe (France, Belgium, UK, Switzerland,...)



What have we achieved so far in terms of fund raising (2)?

- Keeping donors “up to speed”
- Encouraging “sense of community” among donors



- Website dedicated to donors and researchers

www.fondation-thierry-latran.org



- Transnational gifts are encouraged through the Transnational Giving Europe Network, ensuring that donors can benefit from their own domestic tax deductibility schemes

- Newsletter



Financing research : key facts

- **Encourage in-depth investigation in the fields of ALS and protection of motor neurons AS WELL AS through innovative approaches**

Grant types :

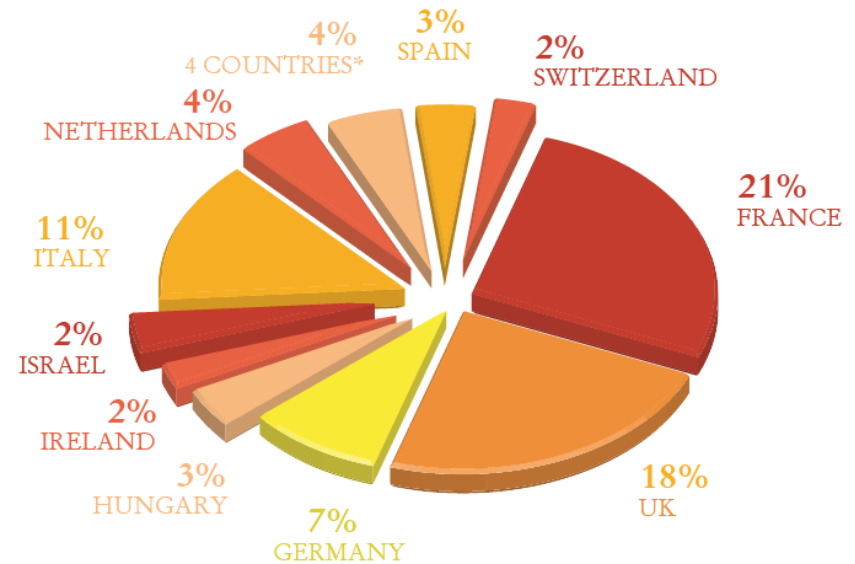
- **Major Grants:** circa € 150,000 per year over three (3) years
- **Pilot Grants:** circa € 100,000 per year over two (2) years

- **FUNDING A YEARLY MEETING OF ALL GRANTEES**



Financing research : key facts (2)

- **First Call for projects**



* BELGIUM, GREECE, PORTUGAL, TURKEY

- **Our goal:** Receiving projects from all over Europe + members of FP7 countries agreement (Switzerland, Israel, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Turkey, Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia, Albania, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina)



The evaluation process

- Transparent evaluation and selection process
- High scientific quality process involving referees
- Feed-back provided to applicants
- Process promoting speed of execution:
 - 5th January 2009: 1st Call opening
 - 9th February – 9th March 2009: Abstract evaluation
 - 13rd April – 8th July 2009: Full Application evaluation process
 - Grants notification: 8th July 2009
 - 8 projects starting effectively September to November 2009
financed for € 1.4m



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Abstracts on www.fondation-thierry-latran.org

2nd Call for Projects

■ **Scientific thematics:**

Biological markers, pathological pathways and mechanisms, therapeutic strategies, innovative molecules in the fields of ALS and protection of motor neurons

for an aggregate amount of up to € 1 million

of which up to € 300,000 is dedicated to the specific topic of stem cell therapeutic approaches in ALS

■ **Time Schedule :**

- 2nd November 2009: 2nd call opening
- 11th December 2009: deadline for abstract submission
- 26th January 2010: Notification to selected parties for Full Grant Applications
- 5th March 2010: deadline for receipt of Full Grant Applications
- 8th June 2010: notification of Grants awarded
- Effective starting date of the granted projects from September 2010





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