

Press Release

The Total Foundation Steps Up Its Support for the Pasteur Institute, Creating the Françoise Barré-Sinoussi Chair

(Paris — June 15, 2010) — **Following up an initial corporate funding agreement signed in 2005, the Total Foundation has renewed its commitment to the Pasteur Institute's work to combat infectious diseases by extending the support it has provided over the last five years. The new agreement, signed June 15, highlights the Total Foundation's and the Institut Pasteur shared dedication to continuing their partnership in the fight against infectious diseases. Over the next five years, the new €10-million funding package will be used to create a Françoise Barré-Sinoussi Chair for HIV/AIDS training and research, finance infectious disease research and support public health initiatives, notably against emerging and re-emerging diseases.**

The renewed partnership will focus on three areas:

● Creating the Françoise Barré-Sinoussi Chair to Combat HIV/AIDS

When the first corporate funding agreement was signed in 2005, Dr. Françoise Barré-Sinoussi, researcher at the Institut Pasteur and co-winner of the 2008 Nobel Prize in Medicine for discovering HIV, was chosen to advise the Total Foundation and monitor the programs and initiatives supported by it.

Creation of the Chair includes funding for training and research programs on how to protect against HIV. The Chair will be set up at the Integrative Biology of Emerging Diseases Center now under construction on the Institut Pasteur campus. The Total Foundation will endow the Chair with €800,000 each year.

● Supporting infectious disease research programs

The Total Foundation will help finance research programs, including cross-disciplinary ones involving several Pasteur Institute teams, as well as work by groups of young researchers. €200,000 will be allocated to support the programs annually.

● Helping to finance public health initiatives

The Total Foundation and Institut Pasteur will carry out public health initiatives, chiefly in the non-OECD countries in which Total operates. The initiatives will focus in particular on building local capacity by training health care professionals, educators and teachers, especially in how to combat emerging and re-emerging diseases.

The Institut Pasteur is lending the Total Foundation its scientific expertise in choosing and supporting such initiatives, which will receive €1 million in annual financial aid from the Total Foundation.

“We’re delighted to begin a second five-year partnership featuring an innovative program that ranges from health care research to training stakeholders in Institut Pasteur and Total host countries. We’re especially honored that Françoise Barré-Sinoussi is lending her name to the partnership,” explains Thierry Desmarest, Chairman of the Total Foundation.

“Our partnership has grown in trust and in strength over the last five years, because we know one another better,” stresses Dr. Alice Dautry, President of Institut Pasteur. “The Total Foundation’s decision to step up its involvement with us provides much-needed encouragement for our researchers to continue their missions in the service of humanity and health.”

The Partners

The Total Foundation

Created in 1992, since 2008 the Total Foundation has supported initiatives in three major areas: community support (health and education), environment (marine biodiversity) and culture (heritage and major exhibitions). At home and abroad, it funds projects developed with partner associations, institutions and NGOs, as well as community support and environmental initiatives submitted by Total employees. <http://foundation.total.com>

Institut Pasteur

Louis Pasteur created the Institut Pasteur in 1887 as a private non-profit foundation that rapidly became world-renowned for its biomedical research. The main aim of the Institut Pasteur is understanding and preventing diseases throughout the world through excellent scientific and public health research, teaching and other activities. Together with its major contribution to a deeper understanding of fundamental aspects of life, the Institut Pasteur continues to devote a large part of its efforts to infectious diseases, inherited disorders, neurodegenerative diseases and certain cancers. Close to 2,600 people work on its main campus in Paris, which is at the heart of an international network of 32 research institutes on 5 continents. Over the years, 10 Institut Pasteur researchers have received the Nobel Prize.

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