

Time-sensitive Announcement – Québec-Europe Call for Proposals on Neurodegenerative Disease Biomarkers (JPND)

July 5, 2011 – The FRSQ recently joined a European call for proposals of the Joint Programme in Neurodegenerative Diseases (JPND) to fund international research projects on the development and optimization of neurodegenerative disease biomarkers. More specifically, the initiative aims to coordinate biomarker use in clinical trial centres.

The call for proposals was launched on May 16th, 2011, prior to the official inclusion of the FRSQ as a partner organisation and applications must be submitted by **September 5th, 2011**.

Despite this delay and in consideration of the outstanding neurodegenerative research community in Québec, the FRSQ chose to seize this opportunity and encourage local investigators to participate in the call. Quebec researchers are therefore encouraged to contact their European collaborators to launch a project or to join a team that is in the process of preparing an application.

Each project must be presented by a team of researchers from at least **four** of the countries participating in this initiative. Each researcher must obtain funding from his/her funding agency under its terms and conditions.

Québec and 20 European countries are participating in this call for proposals. The FRSQ will support up to 2-3 projects to a maximum of \$80 000/year per project.

Further details on the call for proposals and participating agencies are available on the Web site of the “Joint Programme in Neurodegenerative Diseases - Transnational call for optimisation of biomarkers and harmonisation of their use » at :

(<http://www.neurodegenerationresearch.eu/index.php?id=145>).

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