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David Hansel, Research Director at CNRS, awarded a prestigious Research grant from the Human Frontier Science program.



David Hansel, Research Director at CNRS, co-leader of the “Cerebral dynamics, learning and memory” research group at CNPP, University Paris Descartes, and of the France-Israel Laboratory of Neuroscience, has been awarded one of the highly prestigious and competitive **Program Grant Awards 2015** by the Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP). He will share his award with Valery Grinevich, University of Heidelberg, Germany, Joseph Buxbaum, The Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, USA and Shlomo Wagner University of Haifa, Israel.

Their joint comprehensive multidisciplinary project entitled “**Deciphering brain oxytocin circuits controlling social behavior**” is aiming to identify, analyze and mathematically model functional oxytocin modules activated by various forms of social behavior, including relatively simple behaviors- such as aggression towards intruder- and complex forms of decision-making behavior -such as cooperative behavior.

HFSP Program Grants are awarded for novel collaborations among highly interdisciplinary teams of scientists working in different countries and provide three years support with up to 450,000 USD per year. This year, 21 Program Grants were awarded from a total of over 1000 letters of intent, 61 of which were selected for full application.

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