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Dear friends,

Sorry for not having given you any news for the last three months.
We still enjoy a buzzing atmosphere around here, even more then ever:

>> I - Research advances: a new in-vitro protocol <<

At the begining of the year, immediatly after the launching of the replication process based on animal skin experiments (see "Do-it-yourself" <<http://www.digibio.com/cgi-bin/node.pl?lg=us&nd=n13>>), we developed a new system sensitive to biological signals. This in vitro system is not only as demonstrative as the preceding ones but also much simpler to implement and replicate. Once again a recorded biological signal is triggering a biological effect, but using this in-vitro method we can perform many more experiments in a given time than we were previously able to. Today, all our task force is assigned to explore and tune up the different parameters of this most promising protocol.

>> II - Communication <<

- March 11: J. Benveniste gives a talk at the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge (UK), at the invitation of Brian Josephson, the Nobel laureate in physics.
Please have a look at Brian Josephson's home page <<http://www.tcm.phy.cam.ac.uk/~bdj10>>

- "Le Quotidien du Médecin", Paris, March 18
- "The Independent", London, March 19

Following the Cavendish conference, these two articles report on our research from its early stage till now. We thank the two journalists for their impartiality.

- "Time magazine", May 17, US edition , p77

In reaction to the APS implication in the reproduction of our results (see below), "Time magazine" presents our work and it's possible implications "You've got homeopathy in your e-mail..." . Although we thank the journalist for his overall neutral position, we regret that his article insists on totally linking our claims with those of homeopathy, when in fact we are working on a more fundamental aspect of biology (molecular signaling). Validating high dilutions and homeopathy may only be part of our work implications and is not anyhow our main research target.

Also the article says of our past work that "Attempts to reproduce his results were unsuccessful.". This is a misrepresentation (to put it mildly). In this respect, we will soon add a page on our website detailing the numerous replications since 10 years.

>> III - Demonstration challenge, etc. <<

Following several exchange of correspondence between Brian Josephson, the physicist Robert Park and ourselves, the American Physical Society (APS) has expressed its interest in participating to a demonstration of the biological effect of a recorded specific signal. There was also this comment from Park in the "What's new" of April 2 :

"1999 Pigasus Awards announced by telepathy on April first. The James Randi Educational Foundation bestowed yet another honor on Jacques Benveniste, the only person to win the Ig Nobel prize twice (WN 9 Oct 98). Benveniste transferred the digitized memory of homeopathic water via the internet from Paris to an ordinary bottle of water in Albuquerque, NM. The coveted flying pig trophy was sent to Benveniste via psychokinesis. No word yet on whether he received it. More on the Pigasus awards next week."

If we understand correctly, JR invites us to participate in the challenge with a 1.1 Million dollars prize.
Fine to us.

>> IV - Upcoming events <<

- Jacques Benveniste is an Invited Speaker at the Society for Scientific Exploration annual meeting in Albuquerque (NM) June 5.

- Same at the meeting of the Russian Academy of Science "Life in Atomic and Chemical World", Moscow, November 23-25, 1999.

>> V - Thanks <<

Many thanks to all those who have along these years kept confidence in us, helped, and supported our research from the start up to now. We are now at the stage where more and more noted scientists have overcome their first reaction "It's impossible" to move towards "What if it were true?". With the expected availability of easy and reproducible methods, the relatively simple concept of em transmission via water of the specific biological signal should soon be admitted as a scientific evidence. What is at stake is not only this notable progress, but also a thorough reappraisal of the fears and blockades of the scientific institution, towards the very essence of research which is the unveiling of new paradigms.

Thanks again to you all.

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