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Press release

Final of FameLab competition: 10 young scientists are taking up the challenge!

Following regional heats and a Masterclass at CERN, the European Organisation for Nuclear Research, the ten finalists in the FameLab competition will display their oratory skills at Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie on Friday 22 May, at 6:30 pm.

Each candidate will have three minutes on stage to explain a scientific concept. Using the aids of their choice, they must convince the jury of their ability to communicate their research work while remaining accessible to non-specialists.

Florence Porcel, presenter, actress and author, will comper the event, with the support of professionals working in science, communication and the media:

Claudie Haigneré, Advisor to the Director General of the European Space Agency (ESA), and former Chairperson of Universcience,

Cécile Lestienne, Managing Editor of *Pour la Science* magazine,

Roland Lehoucq, Astrophysicist, French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission (CEA).

The public may vote for its favourite candidate. The winner, chosen by the jury, will have the opportunity to participate in the International Grand Final, held on 4 June in Cheltenham, United Kingdom.

The FameLab France finalists

They are PhD students, research assistants, assistant engineers and students, and come from all over France to share their passion for science.

Their subjects of study relate to a variety of areas in scientific research: physics, chemistry, biology and even history. At the final, the candidates will speak to you about saving animal species, the hydrophobia of water lilies, psychiatric disorders, and even mediaeval money.

They participate in FameLab to:

- Take on the challenge of the 3 Cs: content, clarity, charisma
- Make their research work known.

Quentin Vincent, epidemiologist and member of the Laboratory of Human Genetics of Infectious Diseases at the Imagine Institute, Paris, will represent Inserm during this final. According to this young physician specialising in public health, sharing advances in science with non-specialists is both essential and entertaining.

To find out more

This year, under the impetus of the British Council, the second French edition of FameLab brings together many partners from institutions, academia and associations: Amcsti (French association of museums and centres for the development of scientific, technical and industrial culture), Inserm (French National Institute of Health and Medical Research), CNES (French National Centre for Space Studies), CEA, CERN and Ifremer (French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea).

Created in 2005 by the Cheltenham Festival in partnership with the British innovation agency NESTA, FameLab supports young scientists and engineers in the scientific communication process.

An event accessible by [registration](#) only

More information on the competition on the [British Council](#) website

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