

# Invitation

For the launching of the *Prometheus* project

**Jean-Louis Carpentier**, Dean of the Faculty of medicine of the University of Geneva &  
**Bernard Gruson**, General Director of the Geneva University Hospitals (HUG)

have the pleasure to invite you to a public lecture given by

**Patrik Brundin, MD PhD**

Neuronal Survival Unit, Lund University, Sweden

**Transplantation in Parkinson disease :  
Realities of today and dreams for the future**

**Thursday 15 October 2009 at 18h30**

**CMU - Auditorium A250**

Public lecture in English followed by a cocktail

Moderation (in French): Prof. Pierre Burkhard

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## PROMETHEUS Pluripotent Stem Cells for Therapy of Parkinson Disease

Managed jointly by the University Hospitals of Geneva (HUG) and the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Geneva, PROMETHEUS is a multidisciplinary and translational consortium that brings together 7 research groups - 5 of which are located within the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Geneva and the University Hospitals of Geneva (HUG), one is in Fribourg and one in Sweden. PROMETHEUS seeks to develop a cellular therapy for Parkinson's disease under a framework that integrates experimental science, patients' security and biomedical ethics.

This vast network is supported by several foundations - among which the Mémorial A. de Rothschild Foundation, Parkinson Suisse, the Clayton Foundation, the Louis-Jeantet Foundation -, by the Carigest company. It has also received donations made by persons directly affected by the disease. The project is also supported by the Swiss National Science Foundation for Scientific Research (SNSF) that has provided CHF 2.1 million through its grant project SINERGIA, an endeavour specifically designed to strengthen interdisciplinary research projects. It is the first time that the SNSF supports a translational project for cellular therapy at this scale.



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### Patrik Brundin, MD, PhD

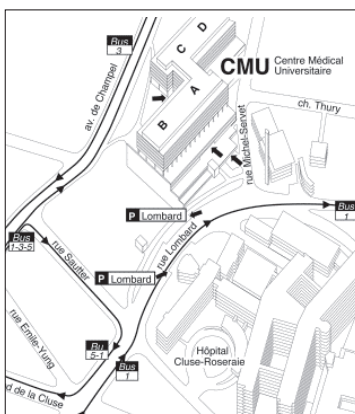
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Wallenberg Neuroscience Center, Lund University, Sweden

Both a medical doctor and a biologist, Prof. Patrik Brundin, who trained at the University of Lund, is one of the researchers working for the PROMETHEUS project. He was among the first experts in the world to have undertaken, as of 1987, the first successful clinical trials with brain tissue transplantation in Parkinson's disease. Prof. Brundin has received a number of international awards for his work. He coordinates several national and international research networks and is the author of more than 250 publications.

Prof. Brundin's lecture, in English, will look into the current situation regarding cellular therapy in Parkinson's disease. Prof. Brundin will provide an overview of the evolution of brain tissue transplantation over the past 20 years, taking into account various challenges as well as different strategies adopted. If dopamine-producing cell transplantation is still currently in the experimental phase, it remains nonetheless a promising approach in the process of developing a treatment for persons suffering from Parkinson's disease.


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1 rue Michel-Servet or 9 avenue de Champel




**Auditoriums A250, B400 and C150** are located in the A-B building of the CMU, between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors. They can be accessed by elevator (exit on 1<sup>st</sup> floor).

Access to the A-B building of the CMU

- Entrance on side 9 avenue de Champel: door A or door B
- Entrance on side 1 rue Michel-Servet: door A (Faculty of medicine Lodge) 

- Arrival by car: Lombard Parking (entrance: 1 rue Michel-Servet)
- Public transport: Buses 1, 3, 5, 7

 For any assistance, please contact the Lodge of the Faculty of medicine (Tel. 022 379 5900).

