

Biography ML Michel



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Marie Louise Michel is the Head of the Laboratory “Pathogenesis of hepatitis B virus” at Institut Pasteur, Paris France. She is Director of Research at INSERM, National Institute for Health and Medical Research. She received her PhD degree in Microbiology from the University of Paris VII (France) in 1985. From 1985-2000 she worked in the laboratory of Pr Pierre Tiollais at Institut Pasteur on hepatitis B vaccine and is co-inventor of a recombinant hepatitis B vaccine produced in CHO cells (GenHevac B, commercialized by Aventis Pasteur). For her work on the hepatitis B vaccine, she received awards from the National Academy of Medicine (Novartis-Pharma Award in 1997 and Gallet-Breton Award in 2000). Since 1993, ML Michel performed pioneering studies on DNA vaccines for hepatitis B first in animal models and then during clinical trials. For this work she received the Saul Krugman Award on Viral Hepatitis, in 1996. She moved then to the laboratory directed by Pr C. Bréchet at Necker Hospital to join efforts in designing novel therapeutic vaccines for patients with chronic active hepatitis B.

ML Michel is on the board of several scientific committees in France, has been member and Chairwoman of the hepatitis section of the ANRS funding agency in France. She presently is on the scientific committee of various agencies for scientific evaluation of grants and permanent position applications.