

What is the BioClips project ?

The objective of the **BioClips** project is to stimulate the **creation, exchange and broadcast of multimedia documents** concerning **life sciences** and in particular cells, tissues and embryos and related questions which concern our lives (cloning, stem cells, pathology, biotechnology, etc).

The projet consists of:

- the **production of Research BioClips** and **Educational BioClips** telling the story of a discovery, a technological advance or a research project.
- the **organization of the “Cinema of the Cell” Festival** during the ELSO meetings presenting competing Bioclips made by researchers, teachers and students worldwide.
- the **exchange and diffusion of documents on the web site BioClips.com and via CD-Roms**.

More generally, the Bioclips project is an experiment in exploring new modes of communication and learning.

Who is interested in this project ?

- researchers, teachers and students who produce and exchange “Research and Review Bioclips”
- the public at large who learns from “Educational Bioclips”
- companies interested in contributing to “Technique Bioclips”

Present activities:

- *A new version of the site www.bioclips.com*

The new site consists of two parts. One part devoted to research (Research, Technique, Review, Visual) allows access to 40 BioClips. The other part of the site concerns Educational BioClips and displays the pilot document “Marius explores the Cell”.

- *A “Cinema of the Cell” CD*

To satisfy demand, a CD-Rom with the best Bioclips presented during the three “Cinema of the Cell” Festivals will be produced and distributed.

- *Call for scenarios and production of selected BioClips*

The project partners have announced a call for scenarios for “Research Bioclips” in the scientific community. The best scenarios will be selected based on their originality, interest and quality of proposed visual documents (images, films, animations etc). The selected document will be produced by the BioClips multimedia team, sponsored by a grant from the French Ministry for Research.

- *Educational BioClips: the new adventures of Marius*

Marius the friendly virus, explorer of the cell introduces us to subjects of broad interest such as the cellular basis of cancer, pathologies, techniques of cloning, and the diversity of tissues and living organisms.

- *The 4th “Cinema of the Cell” Festival during the ELSO 2005 meeting*

Early in 2005 we will send our annual call for BioClips. All submitted documents will be projected during the ELSO 2005 meeting in Dresden (September). The 10 best documents selected by the international jury for the “Cinema of the Cell” Festival will be projected to an audience of 1000 biologists who will attribute prizes. The winning BioClips will be available on the web site.

The project partners

- The **Association BioClips**, La Gaude
- The **French Cell Biology Society (SBCF)**, Paris
- **Courant Alternatif**, multimedia company, Montreuil
- The **European Life Scientist Organization (ELSO)**, Dresden
- The **BioMarCell** CNRS laboratory, Villefranche sur Mer

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