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Nature goes to Paris to celebrate scientific mentors

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Nature today honours three French scientists for their outstanding efforts to mentor young researchers. Jean Rossier, Moshe Yaniv, and Barbara Demeneix are the winners of the 2011 *Nature* Awards for Mentoring in Science (France). The awards will be presented by Dr Philip Campbell, Editor-in-Chief of *Nature*, at an event this evening at the British Council in Paris.

"I congratulate professors Demeneix, Rossier and Yaniv on their awards," said Campbell. "Mentoring young researchers helps develop productive, motivated scientists, who are the lab heads and professors of the future. Too often mentoring goes unrecognized and *Nature* is delighted to celebrate such an important contribution to scientific research."

Barbara Demeneix receives the mid-career award. Demeneix is director of the CNRS unit UMR 7221, studying Evolution of Endocrine Regulation, and director of the Department of Regulatory and Developmental biology, at the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris.

The 2011 lifetime achievement award is shared by Jean Rossier and Moshe Yaniv. Jean Rossier is Professor and Chairman of the Department of Biology at ESPCI Paris Tech, a department he established in 1994. He is also director of the CNRS unit UMR 7637, studying Neurobiology and Cellular diversity. Moshe Yaniv is an emeritus professor at the Pasteur Institute in Paris and emeritus director of Research at CNRS.

Demeneix will receive a €10,000 prize as part of her mid-career award, while Rossier and Yaniv will share the €10,000 prize for lifetime achievement.

Launched in 2005, the annual *Nature* Awards for Mentoring in Science recognize outstanding scientific mentorship and focus on a specific country or countries each year, with 2011 focusing on France.

More information about the *Nature* Awards for Mentoring in Science is available at **www.nature.com/nature/awards/mentorship/**.

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