R&D Engineer Position
Biomaterials for medical applications

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Position description
To meet industrial requirements in early detection, we developed device functionalized with early infection sensors that enables surgeons and medical staff to diagnose early postoperative infections. The direct detection of an infection will be identified by the presence of bacteria through exhaled, specific VOC (Volatile Organic Compound)
The proposed work will consist in elaborating new porous materials (obtained by sol-gel process) in order to reach the best performance in terms of detection limit.

Secondly, since 2013 and supported by external collaborations, we started research activity devoted to the development of biomaterials for medical or environment applications. Several techniques of engineering of polymers are presently developed (electrospinning, microfluidic) to design bio-based materials. Thanks to his (her) expertise, the engineer should characterize these matrices and propose an implementation of Lab network to perform these physico-chemical and physical characterizations of biomatrices.

Location: CEA Grenoble, France
Duration: 18 months
Starting date: February 1st, 2015

Required Skills:
Applicants should hold a Master of Sciences in Polymer Science or polymer engineering with strong background in characterization: rheology of interfaces and physicochemical characterizations of polymers (GPC, NMR, DLS, etc.). A background in biodegradable/renewable polymers should be appreciated.
Ability to work in a cross-disciplinary environment (collaborative, EU and industrial projects) in connection with biologists, chemists, industrial and clinicians is absolutely required. Good skills in English.

Contact:
Interested applicants should send a Cover letter, a CV with contact information of two references. Please send your application only by email to: anne-claude.couffin@cea.fr or severine.vignoud@cea.fr

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