

Founder, Chairman & CEO



Dr Jean-Louis Escary's Biography

Born September 6, 1964, Saint-Raphael (France); Married, 3 children

Ph.D. (1994) in cellular and molecular biology from Université Pierre et Marie Curie (Paris 6, France), post-doctoral fellowship (1996-98) in the Lipid Research Laboratory, Department of Medicine, Molecular Biology Institute, UCLA (Los Angeles, California, USA), head of the genome variability program at the Centre National de Génotypage (1998-99, CNG, French National Genotyping Center), Robert Kennedy College Residential Course (2004, Switzerland).

Among Dr Escary's major scientific achievements at Institut Pasteur (1988-96, Unité de Génétique Cellulaire directed by Nobel Prize Laureate Pr François Jacob, Unité d'Embryologie Moléculaire directed by Dr Philippe Brûlet, Paris, France) the very first single & double knock out transgenic mouse models for cytokine genes worldwide, and the discovery of key physiological functions of cytokines in immune & nervous systems development and response to injury (*Nature* 363, 361-363, 1993; *Neuron* 11, 1175-1185, 1993; *Curr Biol.* 6, 686-694, 1996). Then the generation of first transgenic mice models of Hormone Sensitive Lipase at UCLA, a work sponsored by the pharmaceutical company GlaxoWellcome (Les Ulis, France).

As head of the genome variability program (1998-99) at the French national genotyping center, he also completed with his team the first high density SNP map of the human chromosome 14 (*Genomics* 70, 153-164, 2000), and invented with Pr Beckmann (co director of CNG) an innovative multiplexing method for doing high throughput SNP discovery using denaturing-high performance liquid chromatography (D-HPLC) that enabled the discovery of novel pathogenic mutations not detected by sequencing (*Human Mutation*, 16, 518-526 (2000)).

Dr Escary founded GenOdyssee SA in October 1999 with the support from ANVAR, the French Agency for Innovation, and Génopole 1er Jour, the Evry Génopôle incubator. He is the inventor of the innovative drug discovery approach and product pipeline of GenOdyssee. As CEO of the company, he raised to date €20.1 (USD26.9) million from French biotech venture funds. Since its inception, the company received €4.3m (USD5.8) million from French government tax credits + grants, and generated €2.2 (USD2.9) million in revenue.

Dr Escary is a member of the New York Academy of Sciences (NYAS), the American Chemical Society (ACS), and was an alumni of the Young Leaders Program (2005) of the French-American Foundation (NY, USA).

Rewards

2000: "Golden 91" award from the French entrepreneurial association "MEDEF"; 2003: "the Merit for the Development of Research (post-genomics)" from the "Institut International de Promotion et de Prestige" (Geneva, Switzerland)

Publications - Inventorship

Dr Escary has published in leading peer-reviewed scientific journals including *Nature* and *Neuron* and is the author to date of 67 publications, patents, and patent applications.

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