



PRIX GALIEN
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GALIEN FORUM



The Republic of Senegal is pleased to welcome you to Dakar November 28 and 29, 2018 for the Galien International and the Galien Forum, organized for the first time in Africa. Many personalities, leading experts, practitioners, and researchers from across the globe, including Nobel Prize winners in medicine, will take part.

Holding these events on Senegalese soil complements focused national efforts to augment our contributions to domestic and international public health. We believe that in addition to education, health—a cornerstone of prosperity and innovation—must remain at the heart of public policies.

Indeed, education, and the training of quality care providers and administrators are inextricably linked. The development of knowledge and know-how is the basis of scientific progress, including in the fields of medical, pharmacological, and biotechnical sciences.

For this reason, ongoing commitments are critical to raising awareness and motivating young people to engage in science. Such commitments pave the way for the progress and well-being of humanity.

And it is this vocation that we want to nurture and invigorate by welcoming the Prix Galien International and the Galien Forum.

Moreover, we live in a world where rapid cross-border transport and globalization are transforming local public health issues into global epidemics. The HIV/AIDS, Ebola, Zika virus, and SARS epidemics serve as stark examples. Pandemic preparedness must be supported in a comprehensive and integrated way. Working together to address threats that face us all is essential.

This is what the Prix Galien has done since 1970, by promoting the research and development of innovative health technologies, such as drugs, vaccines, and diagnostics. As such, I would like to warmly thank Mrs. Marion Wiesel, President of the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity for her support of this important initiative.

I invite all participants to leverage the unique moment in time that these events present in support of our common interest in nurturing innovation for health in Africa and across the world.

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President of Senegal