

**Brief note on the invited Speakers:**

António Câmara (Ydreams)

Chief Executive Officer, António Câmara is a Professor at Universidade Nova de Lisboa and has been a Visiting Professor at both Cornell University (1988-89) and MIT (1998-99). He was a Senior Consultant to the Expo98 project and Senior Advisor to the National Geographical Information System. He has been YDreams CEO since the company was founded in June 2000.

José Epifânio da Franca (Chipidea)

José Epifânio da Franca is the co-Founder, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Chipidea, a company founded in 1997. This is the first Portuguese company devoted to the design of advanced mixed-signal integrated circuit products. Franca is a professor for the Electrical and Computer Engineering department at Instituto Superior Técnico (IST) in Lisbon.

Fotis Kafatos (President of the European Research Council - ERC)

Professor Fotis C. Kafatos is currently chair of the Immunogenomics at Imperial College London, after serving two successful terms (1993-2005) as Director-General of the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL). He is the ERC President and Chairman of its Scientific Council.

Manuel Heitor (Secretary of State of Science, Technology and Higher Education)

Manuel Heitor was appointed Secretary of State for Science, Technology and Higher Education in March 2005. He is a professor of Mechanical Engineering at Instituto Superior Técnico (IST, the engineering school of the Technical University of Lisbon) and he was the founding director of the IST's "Center for Innovation, Technology and Policy Research".

Paul Caro (Académie des Technologies, Paris)

Professor Paul Caro is a Doctor in Chemistry by the CNRS where he was Director for Research until 2001. He is a member of the French Academy of Sciences and a founding member of the Académie des Technologies, Paris. Professor Caro is author of numerous publications on communication and science dissemination and he was a member of the EU High Level Group on Human Resources in Science and Technology in Europe that produced the 2004 report

Frédéric Sgard (Global Science Forum, OCDE)

Dr. Frédéric Sgard is currently project administrator at the Global Science Forum of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), where he manages selected Forum activities including that on Declining Interest for Science Studies Among Young People, a project which started in 2004. Frédéric Sgard was vice-president (2002-2006) of the association Euroscience, a grass-roots association of scientists present in 40 European countries, where he was responsible for science policy and industrial S&T issues. He is also member of the board of the French Association for the Advancement of Science (AFAS).