

## Doctor Honoris Causa

The University of Paris honors five internationally renowned professors for their contribution and merits to the advance of science in the fields of molecular biology, theory of probabilities, programming information, physics and economics. The University of Paris selected to recognize these personalities for their international collaborations that benefit science and culture. The honorary degree is the most prestigious distinction the French universities bestow upon distinguished people in recognition of services rendered to sciences, arts, literature, France or the University.

The University of Paris honors with the degree of Doctor Honoris Causa Cynthia Kenyon, Harry Kesten, Robin Milner, Doug North and Albrecht Wagner on Tuesday June 12 at the UNESCO.

### Cynthia Kenyon

Professor of Biochemistry and Biophysics at the University of California in San Francisco. Graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston where she obtained her Ph.D. and studied molecular biology. She traveled to the Laboratory of Molecular Biology of Nobel Prize laureate Sydney Brenner in Cambridge, England where she studied the genetic development of the nematode *Caenorhabditis elegans*. Since 1993 Cynthia has published remarkable work on genetics that controls the aging in *C.elegans*. Cynthia is a founder of the biotech company ELIXIR Pharmaceutical. She has been a presenter of very prestigious conferences and seminars such as the Harvey Lecture, the Darwin Lecture, etc. She was elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 2003 and heads over a talented group of grad students and postdocs at the Kenyon Lab in Mission Bay Campus.