Marie Poirot | Science Collaboration and Outreach Coordinator | Chicago

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SUMMARY

Dedicated professional with a robust scientific background and expertise in science communication. Currently, I am involved in driving progress in science diplomacy, fostering international scientific cooperation between the US and France, and supporting innovation initiatives that support global advancements. My commitment lies in bridging the gap between science and policy, promoting positive change through effective communication and collaboration. I strive to make tangible impact by connecting people, ideas, and discoveries.

EXPERIENCE

Deputy Attaché for Science and Technology – French Embassy – Chicago office Mar. 2022 – Present Promoting French-American collaboration in science, technology and innovation

- Planning and execution of 5+ events with 200+ attendees ranging from science conferences to project launches, in relations with local and French partners. Currently organizing a symposium on precision agriculture in partnership with INRAE (expected: 30+ speakers from private sector & academia)
- Writing for the Scientific Office's newsletter on monthly basis to over 3000 subscribers .
- Establishing a new communication strategy for the Office: social media strategy, website (140k visitors/year), design of flyers and redesigning of the newsletter.

New Technology Venture Accelerator (NETVA) Program Manager – Chicago

NETVA is an accelerator program across 7 US locations helping French early-stage deep tech startups to implement themselves in the US.

- Organizing the selection of a 2-startup cohorts with 100+ applicants each twice a year: preselection and organization of a jury of experts
- Designing of personalized immersion weeks for each startup in collaboration with local tech and scientific partners (FACC, CQE, UIUC Research Park...). Netva 2022 alumni Inarix is establishing a presence in the US in September

Medical and Scientific Information officer – Universal Medica – Paris

Providing of scientific and medical information on behalf of pharmaceutical companies (in French and in English)

- Handling of 2 portfolios of 200+ medical products each
- Detecting and reporting of pharmacovigilance and safety cases
- Researching bibliography

Public engagement officer - Edinburgh

- The Easter Bush Science Outreach Centre at the Roslin Institute: organization and presentation of science workshops, writing of pieces for the Roslin Institute website and social media.
- Proteus: community engagement project with patient groups. Managed groups of students involved in the project

Research Intern

2017

- University of Leicester The Bevington's Lab: Research project on the effect of phosphate on renal cells.
- University of Chicago Department of Neurobiology The Thinakaran's Lab: Research project on a protein . involved in Alzheimer's disease.

EDUCATION

MSc Science Communication and Public Engagement, University of Edinburgh

Master's degree with Merit

MSc in Cell and Molecular Biology, University of Rennes 1

2016 - 2017

Double degree program in collaboration with Agrocampus Ouest

Engineer's degree, French National Higher Engineering School of Agronomy, Agrocampus-Ouest, Rennes, France (now Institut Agro Rennes-Angers) 2014 - 2017

SKILLS

Microsoft Office suite, Google suite, Canva Pro

Sept. 2018 – Mar. 2019

2018 - 2019

Mar. – May 2021

Mar. 2022 – Present

Sept. 2015 – June.

VOLUNTEERING

2020-2021: Writing and editing for the Edinburgh University Science Magazine (EuSci) 2020-2021: Tutoring of university students in English and biology