



At the award ceremony on May 9, 2016. (Left to right) Julie Zhang, Julien Barrier, Marie Rapin, Thomas Tiennot, Jean-François Joanny (Director General ESPCI Paris [officially École supérieure de physique et de chimie industrielles de la ville de Paris]) and Joseph Gal (representative of the Division of the History of Chemistry of the American Chemical Society). Photographs courtesy Céline Ramondou.



Jean-François Joanny and Joseph Gal



The award plaque is hung next to the Director's office in the administration building of the ESPCI Paris. This office was previously the office of Pierre-Gilles de Gennes (October 24, 1932 – May 18, 2007). de Gennes, a French physicist, received the Wolf Prize in 1990 and the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1991 “for discovering that methods developed for studying order phenomena in simple systems can be generalized to more complex forms of matter, in particular to liquid crystals and polymers.”