



France

Roger Santini Forbidden to Speak About the Biological Effects of Mobile Telephony

" I actually have a lot of professional problems!"
wrote Dr. Roger Santini on December 1, 2001.

"I am accused by an employee of the Directorate General of Health and a member of a French cellular phone company (BouyguesTelecom) of having 'stolen' Institute stationery.

Of course, this is wrong. The paper I use is the official and only letterhead we have at the laboratory of Biochemistry and Pharmacology (National Institute of Applied Sciences)!

"After this incredible accusation, the Director of my Institute wrote me, telling me that my work on cellular phones and base stations is not the scientific theme of the Laboratory of which I am part. My Director simply forgot that I have worked, officially and without question, on Bioelectromagnetics in this Institute for 22 years, and 10 of them in the Laboratory of Biochemistry and Pharmacology. "

"The Director of my Institute also wrote that it is not the job of a scientist to inform journalists, associations members of parliament, etc... about cellular phone and base station bioeffects. "

"I think that my last results about living in the vicinity of base stations have put the fire to the powder!. I must stop speaking on this subject ! "

"My Institute has not suspended my funding because I have no funding from my Institute (INSA) for working on Bioelectromagnetics."

Faced with these unethical pressures, he appealed to the Minister of National Education on December 27.

On March 6, 2002, at the request to Senators Jean-Louis Lorrain and Daniel Raoul, he delivered this text before the Parliamentary Office for the Evaluation of Science and Technology Choices:

"We are witnessing today the development of pressures aimed at discrediting, within their institutions, certain researchers and their findings. These campaigns of moral and professional harassment are orchestrated in particular, by certain cell phone providers, public health bodies and elected officials."

"Some scientists who work on the problem of the biological effects of cell phones and relay stations have recently been made the object, following these pressures, of discriminatory measures on the part of their institutions:

firing, professional change, change of research topic, blockage of career, loss of collaborator, ban on speaking ... "

Among these scientists, one may list:

" **Jean Claude Deschamps**, engineer, member of the Association of Engineers of Northern France, member of the Standards Committee T 111;

" **Pierre Le Ruz**, professor, Doctor of Physiology, ex-scientific director of the IMOTEP Institute, expert court witness;

" **Roger Santini**, Doctor of Sciences, conference speaker;

" **Claudio Gomez-Perretta** Doctor of Medicine, Hospital de la Fe. Valencia Spain. "

"The public health is threatened when:

". health departments are influenced by commercial enterprises;

". certain scientists do not speak for fear of reprisals on their career or their research funding; or when those who do speak are asked to be silent;

". information viewed as credible by decision-makers has its sole origin in the opinions of persons who have conflicts of interest.

"One may cite the emergence of 'affairs' like those of asbestos, contaminated blood, mad cow disease, radioactive clouds from Chernobyl..."

Dr. Santini's book, *Téléphones Cellulaires; Danger?* was published in 1998. His paper on the health effects of cell towers appeared in *La Presse Médicale* (2001), vol. 30, p. 1594 (see *No Place To Hide*, Nov. 2001).