

**TATTOOING, LAW AND INSTITUTIONS: THE FRENCH CASE****Olivier Laizé<sup>1</sup>**<sup>1</sup>*Corps Tech; (Lyon, France)*

After years of observation and growing interest for tattoos, France has settled legal regulations for tattooing in 2008. 3 years before in 2005, tattooers gathered through a syndicate called SNAT, allowing them to speak with one voice with French authorities. Unlike many other countries, the law is the result of a common work between health boards and tattoo professionals, based on hygiene and disease control standards. This official text regulating tattooing in France gives the first legal existence to the profession

With the idea of finding the most accurate settlements, several workgroups took place at Health Minister Bureau through 2008, allowing tattooers and governmental Health specialists to meet and share common knowledge and experience, with the goal of finding balanced settings for legal security standards.

Based on a consensus between SNAT charts and public health board standards, the French regulation can be defined as being partly created by tattooers themselves.

The topic for ECTP is a description of what lead to this work in France and an explanation on how things work on a daily basis in the country for tattooers.