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A co-founder of Euro-America in 1987, Jacques Vallee helped raise the fund and represented the investors on the Boards of portfolio companies, notably SangStat Medical, a biotechnology firm based in Menlo Park, California and Nantes, France; Ubiq, Inc., a company specialized in computer teleconferencing over the Internet; and HolonTech Corporation, a spin-off of NEC of Japan. Other investments that he initiated for both Euro-America funds include Com-21, P-Com, Isocor, Mobilian and Mercury Interactive. He has also served as Director of two companies based in Israel: Class Data Systems, an Internet software company, and Trivnet, Ltd., specialized in Internet micropayment software. Jacques Vallee is a board member of Easenergy, (a subsidiary of Electricité de France) and a member of the expert committee for the French Genopole early-stage investment fund, based in Evry. He also serves as a Trustee of the Institute for the Future in Palo Alto, California.