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Agreenium accredited to award the PhD

The Order of 29 August 2016 has just accredited the Institute with awarding the national PhD, with effect from the 2016-2017 academic year. This accreditation is an opportunity for the Institute and its members to raise their international profile and appeal.

An additional visibility lever

The possibility of accreditation for the Institute formed part of the Law of 13 October 2014 on the future of agriculture, food and forestry¹, confirmed by Decree 2015-365 on the organisation of the Institute and by Order of 23 November 2015 which set out the modalities.

This accreditation is based on the Agriculture, Food, Biology, Environment and Health Doctoral School (ED ABIES) jointly with the University Paris-Saclay and the University Paris-Est. AgroParisTech, which hosts the headquarters of the doctoral school, will be charge of registration of PhD students registered with the Institute, as it is for the University Paris-Saclay.

At the same time, the Institute members have established strong local links with regional universities and players. They are involved in on-site policies and many of them are members or associate members of ComUE (University and Institution Communities). The six accredited members² wish to retain for themselves this ability to award the PhD, in joint accreditation with universities.

Given its cooperation role in grouping all public agribioscience research and higher education institutions, the Institute adds its voice to the ComUE (which cover very broad themes) in raising the international profile.

An opportunity to open up to the themes sponsored by the Institute

The themed openings and multi-discipline dimension of ED ABIES, with its welcome teams spread out over the entire country, can encompass the majority of the Institute's topics of interest:

- Agricultural, ecological and landscape sciences
- Life and health sciences, animal sciences and plant sciences
- Environmental sciences

- Food and bioproduct sciences and processes, nutrition and health, food security and risk, public health and animal health
- Engineering sciences applied to the living and the environment
- Economic, social and management sciences, applied to agricultural and environmental issues and also to development problems.

More broadly, the Institute and its members aim to develop PhD opportunities, in addition to those offered by doctoral schools, in the Institute's "core business" themes within the scope of policies of the Ministry of Agriculture.

It has set up a doctoral college to encourage consultation on the doctoral policy of its members and make proposals for the Institute's doctoral policy.

The training courses offered will expand the existing courses at EIR-A, the Agreenium international research facility founded in 2011. The label3 it awards at the end of the programme qualifies training open to the major issues and controversies of society relating to the Institute's themes.

The Institute members seek to contribute to increasing the profile, appeal, efficiency and international outreach of the French agriculture, veterinary science and forestry research, training and innovation system.

1 L812-7 (extract): "[The Institute] can be accredited by the Ministers for Agriculture and Higher Education to award national diplomas in areas corresponding to the specific skills of its members. .

2 AgroParisTech, AgroCampus Ouest, Montpellier SupAgro et Oniris are accredited jointly under ten doctoral schools with disciplines or themes forming part of the site logics (ComUE). The University of Lorraine and the INP of Toulouse are accredited to award the PhD and some of their doctoral schools involve the scope, respectively, of ENSAIA and ENSTIB, firstly, and ENSAT, secondly.

3 Obtaining the EIR-A label involves:

- Participation in two residential seminars: annual, they are run by some fifteen experts from the member or outside organisations, especially international, from the research and socio-economic worlds.
- At least a three-month stay abroad in a laboratory to write the thesis

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