

Editorial

Science Accueil is a crossroads much like the one at place de l'Etoile in Paris: a myriad of avenues starting and ending, with diverse programs such as the "Reassurance" program, with services like "Housing" or the cooperative GATE, with partners who share our values and support our actions (banking partners for example) and communities who support us (CPS, CR-IDF); with business and academic establishment subscribers, with landlords and residence centers facilitating lodging international students and researchers, with sponsors that encourage Science Accueil in developing its international reception policies, finally and above all, with our users, who benefit from all of these services, making their stay in Ile-de-France region, the most enjoyable and successful as possible. As stated by one of our partners, which perfectly echos the lead of this editorial : "Science Accueil really is a star".

We wish you a happy new year.





Jean BERTSCH,
President of Science Accueil

GATE « Point d'Information Science Accueil »



Since September, the Guichet d'Accueil des Talents Étrangers (GATE), has been open. It was inaugurated September 6, 2018, by the Prefect of Essonne, Jean-Benoit Albertini, with the heads of Science Accueil, the University Paris-Saclay and the Palaiseau subprefecture. The President of Communauté d'agglomération Paris-Saclay, Michel Bournat, was also in attendance.

GATE and its Point d'Information Science Accueil (PISA) aims to welcome students and researchers studying principally in Paris-Saclay establishments and to provide them with the necessary administrative documents for living in France. This pioneering instrument, encouraged by the Minister of

Interior, has worked with over 2,000 individuals during the first trimester of the school year. It was implemented at Paris-Sud University in Moulin, not far from our headquarters. Science Accueil has dedicated a full time post for the entirety of the project. The center will close at the end of 2018 and reopen in the summer of 2019. The statistics recovered from 2018 will provide a fair image of international scientific mobility throughout the Paris-Saclay cluster. [More information](#)

Visit of the Ile-de-France region

The Ile-de-France Region research department, headed by Gabrielle Costa de Beauregard, came on November 20, 2018 to visit the GATE services. The delegation approved the initiative, in great correlation with the hospitality policy deployed by local authorities. Science Accueil kindly thanks the regional authority for its renewed support of our association, as well as the support from its Vice President, Faten Hidri.



Programs...

Reassurance Program Trials

The Reassurance Program, created by Science Accueil, is designed to inform international scientists and researchers about the difficulties that they may encounter (homesickness, discovering a country with a different culture, financial difficulties, worries concerning safety, language difficulty, etc...). Science Accueil started the program by enlisting the help of a coach, military policemen from Gif-Sur-Yvette, under the leadership of Lieutenant Arnaud Plisson, banking advisors from Société Générale and held individual meetings, group meetings, etc ... allowing the scientists to find some guidance and comfort. The KLEY Residence in Palaiseau, for researchers and students, commissioned Science Accueil to test this new program for its residents.



"I participated in the Reassurance Program at the KLEY Residence. It's a good initiative for those arriving who have questions on French particularities or who need to talk about their personal problems in a friendly environment. The counselors from Science Accueil were very helpful." - Dominik STANTEJSKY, German Student at Polytechnique.

Training at ESPCI Paris

The Ecole Supérieure de Physique Chimie Industrielle (ESPCI) in Paris solicited Science Accueil to hold a series of meeting on France's sociology, to inform the doctorates on the different aspects of our country (heritage, culture) and to help them apprehend the environment they will be staying in. The first conference was held in the Parisian school's premises on October 12, 2018. This presentation is meant to integrate into the "Si la France m'était contée..." program, allowing expatriots to understand in depth, the country's spirit, mentality and customs.



KENZA CHAÏDBRAA, international mobility agent, was recruited by Science Accueil : she spends her time between the Science Accueil offices based out of Evry Val University in Essonne where she replaces Clémentine Couston, who is on maternity leave, and the Science Accueil headquarters in Orsay. She also works with international students and researchers from ESSI (Evry-Sénart Sciences et Innovation).

EURAXESS workshop

Science Accueil will participate at the Euraxess' General Assembly and national days on January 21st and 22nd at CPU in Paris. Science Accueil holds the European label "Center of Euraxess services".

Science Accueil partners with residences - campuses

On the Paris-Saclay perimeter, more and more student residences are being constructed. Science Accueil has become an indispensable representative for these residences who solicit our expertise (knowledge of the field, profile of researchers ...). Other residences - this is the case of the ECLA campus in Massy - contact us for the use of our staff within the residences, to accompany international residents in their installation (administrative questions, cultural visits, French courses etc.). The Science Accueil office in Massy-Palaiseau opened last October in the brand new ECLA residence.



Merry Christmas

Housing...



NOUVEAU

In 2019, homeowners proposing furnished accommodations via Science Accueil will be able to join to the association by making an annual contribution of 70 euros. Starting in January 2019, the membership will be

valid from date to date and no longer for the calendar year. A vote was held to reduce membership to 50 euros for first-time members. In addition, housing offers from the owners on our platform will be updated at the beginning of the year, with a more attractive interface and more information made easily visible by researchers. Photo: Sylviane Vlachos, homeowners representative.



Evolution of our tools...

Our new website offers more diverse features. Our database has also been updated and will be further developed in the upcoming years. These two tools will allow communication in real-time between actors and qualitative monitoring. Each establishment will have personalized data and statistics.



Studio 23 m²
Localisation
600 € CC
1 pers Cuisine Salle de bain
Réserver le logement

Model of a selected accommodation

Winners of the contest « 1 toit sans tuile »: free trip by our sponsor LCL



Employment ...

Employment in the future

The Adecco Analysis firm projects a 2% gain for employment in the Paris-Saclay sector over the next 12 months. Amongst future job offers, two categories jump out in correlation with Science Accueils goals: "Happiness Officer", responsible for the quality of life for its collaborators and "Responsible RSE", in charge of organizing a business' social strategy.



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Check out job offers in an international environment with our partners on our job platform section: www.science-accueil.org

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Are you a doctorate looking for work in France or abroad? Check out the ABG website: www.abg.asso.fr, post doctorate offers and the possibility to drop off your CV. And to help highlight your skills gained over the course of your doctorate consult: www.mydocpro.org.
Want to enhance your career as a researcher in France and share your story, inspiring other young foreign researchers coming to France? Contact berenice.kimpe@abg.asso.fr to become a guest blogger and ensure visibility in a community of nearly 100,000 people!

Founded in 1980, ABG facilitates connections between professional doctorates.



Culture ...



Let the French way of life seduce you



This year the common thread of our cultural program is the French Art of living, a way of life that the country is so well known for. With a visit each month, come and discover l'Art de vivre!



On January 19, 2019 for our first visit, you're invited to discover Belle Epoque Paris, through its covered passages and **beautiful brasseries**. Uncover the history of these centers of gathering and gastronomy. You're invited for a gourmet stop in one of the most famous of them.

Information and registration: www.science-accueil.org.

French classes (FLE)



Lead by 5 FLE teachers, French classes have been taking place at Science Accueil since October at six locations: Gif Sur-Yvette, Orsay, Bures-sur-Yvette, Plateau de Moulon (IUT), Université d'Evry et Evry Arpej. Four different level groups share an innovative curriculum based on five pillars : small student groups, long-term learning (1 semester), classroom study and immersion, conversational French and homework.

Information and registration on our website: www.science-accueil.org

Science Accueil also accompanies summer schools...

Throughout the month of July, a hundred students and researchers from China, Brazil, India and America, participating in 7 summer schools (France Excellence summer school under the authority of the French Embassy in China, sister schools or summer universities), were lead by Science Accueil in their discovery of France : specialized tours, French classes, French culture education... Science Accueil has also facilitated in the logistical organization of some of these programs. The 2019 season is already in preparation : contact us no later than March 2019 (alister@science-accueil.org).

