

PRESS RELEASE

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Jean-Yves Le Gall elected Chair of Université Paris-Saclay's Strategic Advisory Board

Jean-Yves Le Gall, who was President of France's national space agency, the Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (CNES) until April 2021, was unanimously elected Chair of Université Paris-Saclay's Strategic Advisory Board on Friday 18 June 2021.

Université Paris-Saclay's Strategic Advisory Board consists of thirteen leading figures who offer the University guidance on its strategic direction and monitor its implementation. During the Board's first seminar which was held on 18 and 19 June 2021, Jean-Yves Le Gall was unanimously elected Chair.

Born in 1959, Jean-Yves Le Gall is an engineer and scientist who has devoted his career to the European space programme, holding positions at the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), several French ministries, Novespace, Starsem and Arianespace, where he was Chairman and CEO.

From 2013 to 2021, Jean-Yves Le Gall was President of the Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (CNES), the French national space agency. In this capacity, he was also inter-ministerial coordinator for satellite navigation programmes. In addition to leading CNES, he was also Chair of the Council of the European Space Agency (ESA) and Chair of the Administrative Board of GSA, the European GNSS Agency in charge of Galileo.

Jean-Yves Le Gall is Honorary Ambassador and former President of the International Astronautical Federation (IAF). He is a member of the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA) and Vice President of the "Space Circle" at the French think-tank CEPS (Centre d'Etude et de Prospective Stratégique). He chairs Medef International's France-Japan business council, is President of the Foundation for the study of Japanese language and civilization and a member of the Franco-Mexican Strategic Council.

Jean-Yves Le Gall is also a member of the board of Université de Paris Est Créteil and Université Paris-Saclay's Strategic Advisory Board, becoming its first Chair. In this capacity, he will attend Université Paris-Saclay's Governing Board meetings.

The Strategic Advisory Board at Université Paris-Saclay

Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO from 2009 to 2017

Hélène Budzinski, CNRS research director at the University of Bordeaux, CNRS silver medal

Patrick Caron, researcher at the CIRAD/University of Montpellier, Vice President for International Affairs at the University of Montpellier, Director of the Montpellier Advanced Knowledge Institute on Transitions

Dominique Dron, member of the French General Council for the Economy, Industry, Environment and Technology

Xavier Duportet, CEO of Eligo Bioscience

Marianne Frenay, Professor at the University of Louvain (Belgium), Dean of the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences

Jules Hoffmann, Professor at the University of Strasbourg, Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine

Béatrice Kosowski, General Manager of IBM France

Jean-Yves Le Gall, former President of France's national space agency, CNES

Martine Liautaud, CEO of Liautaud & Cie and founder of the Women Initiative Foundation

Nadia Maizi, Professor of Mathematics at Mines ParisTech, member of the IPCC

Benoit Potier, Chairman and CEO of Air Liquide

Bernard Salha, Chief Technical Officer at EDF

ABOUT UNIVERSITÉ PARIS-SACLAY

Université Paris-Saclay brings together ten constituent faculties and institutes, four Grandes Écoles, the Institut des Hautes Etudes Scientifiques, two associate institutions and shared laboratories with six national research organisations.

With 48,000 students, 8,100 lecturers and 8,500 administrative and technical staff members, Université Paris-Saclay offers a comprehensive and varied range of undergraduate to doctorate level programmes and engineering degrees, renowned for their quality thanks to the reputation and commitment of the University's academic staff.

Located in the south of Paris on vast sites that stretch across Paris, Orsay, Évry and Versailles, Université Paris-Saclay benefits from a strategic geographical and socio-economic position that is strengthened by its international visibility. A leading University, Université Paris-Saclay is recognised for its excellent Mathematics and Physics programmes but also for Biological and Medical Sciences, Agriculture, Engineering, and its extensive Humanities and Social Sciences courses. Close to Paris, Université Paris-Saclay is nestled in a protected natural area, at the heart of a dynamic economic hub.



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