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L'Édito

2023 was a very exciting year. The « Tour de Suède » was northbound, departing from Luleå. We launched the website « french nordic research » which focuses on the mobility programs SFVE-A for the Swedish part. The conference on the future of nuclear energy co-organized with KTH and CEA was a success that paved the way to further cooperations. And this is only the tip of the iceberg : join our scientific network to be sure not to miss anything and follow our activities on our social networks ! 2024 will be even more exciting !!!

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CAMPUS FRANCE SWEDEN & UNIVERSITY 2023

Tour de Suède 2023

The second edition of the French Institute's Tour of Sweden took place, in November in the north of Sweden. The tour began on Monday 6 November 2023 in Luleå and ended on Wednesday 22 November 2023 in Västerås and made stops in the towns of Umeå, Östersund, Sundsvall, Härnösand, Gävle, Falun, Uppsala.

Initiatives aimed at students

The main objective of the interactions with the students was to make them aware of the opportunities to do part or all of their studies in France. To this end, a Campus France stand was set up each university, highlighting in particular the opportunities for studying in English as well as testimonials from alumni ("Studier på vift" exhibition created in 2021). The northern loop of the Tour of Sweden reached around 500 Swedish students.
The universities visited were: Luleå tekniska universitet, Umeå universitet, Sveriges Lantbruksniversitet campus Umeå (SLU), Mittuniversitetet (Östersund campus and Sundsvall campus), Högskolan i Gävle, Högskolan Dalarna and Uppsala Universitet.

'Alumni & co' evenings

Two Alumni and Co events were organised, in Luleå and Umeå. The target was not only alumni (people who have spent time in France for their studies, research etc.) but also, more broadly, the city's Francophones and Francophiles. The participants (more than 60...) were very eager to meet and discuss. These events were also the founding moments for the creation of two new Alliances Françaises.

Meetings with university governance teams

At each stage, the scientific and university cooperation attaché met the university governance teams and the coordinators of the European university alliances where relevant (around 70 people). The aim was twofold: to raise awareness of IFS's activities and to learn about the universities' specific visions and projects.

Meetings with researchers and teachers

The researchers and teachers we met came from a wide variety of disciplines (mathematics, image processing, French, materials, medicine, batteries, sport, agronomy, etc.) but the common denominator, for both Swedish and French researchers based in Sweden, was the desire to renew or strengthen their research links with France through the joint supervision of PhD students, the development of joint projects, the co-organisation of workshops or conferences for example.

SACO

Campus France Sweden actively participated in Sweden's largest higher education student fair held in Stockholm and Malmö organized by SACO. Through meaningful interactions with over 1000 young students, Campus France effectively communicated the opportunities available for studying in France, emphasizing programs offered in both English and French languages.

Grön Utopi

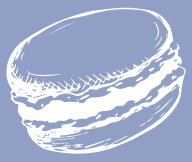
"You cannot make business as usual on a planet that is dying" said Linnea Skoog, finalist in Grön Utopi 2023.
The French Insitute in Sweden organized a contest debate students for a greener Europe. The finalists debated their proposals at EuropaHuset in June. Carolina Liungman & Linnea Skoog from LE Sustainability at Lund University won a trip to Brussels to present their proposals to members of the european Parliament.

Toi d'Europe

In collaboration with three student associations in Malmö, Lund and Göteborg, Campus France orchestrated a film screening followed by discussions on the topic of the future of the European Union. Engaging participants from each of the three universities and featuring the film directors themselves, the events provided a platform for students to engage in lively exchanges about the European Union's prospective trajectory.

CAMPUS FRANCE SWEDEN & UNIVERSITY 2023

C'est parti!



Every year, Campus France Sweden organizes events for students who will study in France in September. The aim is to present the French higher education system and answer to the students questions before their departure.

With macarons!

CAMPUS FRANCE
SUÈDE

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Students from Sweden travelled to France to study during the academic year 2022/2023.

Visits in upper secondary schools

Campus France Sweden gladly visits high schools to inform and encourage pupils to study in France. In 2023, we met pupils in Göteborgs Högre Samskola and Hvitfeldtska gymnasiet.

Would you like to welcome us in your high school? Contact us!

France Alumni Day 2023

The France Alumni Day, announced by Catherine Colonna, Minister of Europe and Foreign Affairs, on July 21, 2022, is an initiative of the CF agency that celebrates international graduates of French higher education worldwide.

In this context, we invited our network to an exclusive Alumni Cocktail on the 22nd of May at the Residence of France.

The keynote speaker for the evening was Mr. Emanuel Örtengren, alumni from Sciences Po Paris and Political Advisor at the Prime Minister's Office.

During the evening, we also celebrated this year's laureates of the France Excellence Scholarships.
Developed by the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, the "France Excellence Europa" scholarship program enables students from 26 European Union countries to study at Master's level in a French higher education institution.

SCIENCE 2023

FINA award 2023 : Circular Economy

"Nothing is lost, nothing is created, all things are merely transformed". Pierre Oesterle, the winner of the French Institutes Nordic Award 2023 (FINA) in Sweden, has chosen this quote from the French chemist Antoine Lavoisier as the basis for his research.
He presented his research project focused on the "re-use of waste produced by the forest industry", more specifically, on using these biobased waste materials (e.g: softwood) to adsorb micropollutants that are found at the end of our wastewater treatment plants.
The award was a scientific trip in France to meet research teams from the "Centre d'Excellence Jean Monnet - Erasme" and the "Fédération des Recherches en environnement (FRE)" in Clermont-Ferrand and the ENS, UCLy (Urban School), the University Lyon 1 and several CNRS labs in Lyon.

Science Festival in Göteborg

The Vetenskapsfestivalen and the French Institute in Sweden – Embassy of France in Sweden organized four roundtables discussions on the Circular economy: the general concept and the application to different fields such as energy, goods and food.

The production and consumption of energy is an important issue. How can we apply the principles of a circular economy to these areas? How can we switch from a no-limit growth to virtuous limits?
How can we move towards more virtuous attitudes when manufacturing goods? Every day, we see more products made to meet needs that are often created for commercial purposes or without concern for environmental sustainability. How can we move to more virtuous attitudes, which set limits to runaway behaviours? All sectors are concerned, and we chose to focus more precisely on some of them: textiles, plastics and electronics.

The aim of the event was to encourage public debate and to bring together people from different background (academics, researchers, engineers, the civil society.

French Swedish Research Days - Nuclear Energy

For the 26th edition, the French Institute in Sweden, in partnership with the Royal Institute of technology (KTH) and "Le commisariat à l'énergie atomique et aux énergies alternatives" (CEA) organized a conference on Nuclear energy. The following topics were adressed : new nuclear power (SMR, Small Modular Reactor, and EPR, European Pressurized Reactor), life extension of existing facilities, training and skills in the fields of nuclear energy, nuclear innovation with AMR (Advanced Modular Reactor), non-electric uses of nuclear power and long-term management of radiocative waste.
The conference was devoted to research, higher education and in the nuclear sector. Twenty-one speakers from the nuclear sector (research, training, safety authorities and industry) in France and Sweden addressed a high-quality audience of around 120 people.

TARA in Stockholm

Between July 14 and 17, the French shooner Tara was docked in Skeppsbrokajen in Stockholm. Tours of the boat, scientific explanations and meetings with the crew took place.

Anne L'Huillier and Pierre Agostini, Nobel Prize 2023 in Physics. Moungi Bawendi Nobel Prize 2023 in Chemistry

Anne L'Huillier, Pierre Agostini and Moungi Bawendi were in Stockholm in December 2023.
Students from Lycée français Saint Louis and Franska Skolan were pleased to meet Professor Anne L'Huillier and learn from her about her discovery in the attosecond physics.

Science workshops at the Lycée Français Saint Louis

Researchers make their work accessible to children with simple experiences : Computer programmes that draw and animate ; Adapting to climate change ; The superpower of algae ; Extracting DNA from fruit ; Natural colours: magic or chemistry?

MOBILITY PROGRAMS AND WEBSITE

The IFS mobility programs

The programs of the French Embassy / French Institute in Sweden aim to increase scientific and academic cooperations between France and Sweden by giving people active in research the opportunity to develop their professional network in the other country or to strengthen the Franco-Swedish research cooperation. The programs are open to all fields of research, in the natural and engineering sciences, in the humanities and social sciences.

41 scientific trips financed or supported in 2023

25% of researchers supported in 2023 were women

26 scientific trips from Sweden to France

15 scientific trips from France to Sweden

Research areas financed

Artificial intelligence, linguistics, ethnography, wood science, health science, information technology, data science, molecular biology, aquaculture, acoustics, chemistry, polymer science, oceanic science, Europeans relations, environmental science, mathematics, history, electronics, marketing, earth science, atmospheric science, political science, mechanical science, materials engineering, textile design.

Focus on our new scientific website - French-Nordic Research -

The scientific department of the French Institute in Sweden launched the French Nordic Research website, in partnership with the French Institutes in Norway, Finland and Denmark. The aim of this website is to present the mobility programs of the French Institute and promote the scientific cooperation between France and Nordic countries. It can help you find new partners for your future projects!

CALENDAR 2024

January

- Opening of the calls for applications for the scientific research mobility programs
- Launch of the sport and science magazine (n°1/3)

February

- Tour de Suède southern loop
- SACO online
- Sport and science magazine (n°2/3)

March

- International Women's Day
- French-Swedish Academy for X-ray and Neutron Scattering Experiments and Modeling (FASEM) for life science
- Science FIKA
- Sport and science magazine (n°3/3)

April

- Nuit des Idées - Vetenskapsfestivalen
- French-Swedish Internatoinal Research conference in Sport Sciences, Örebro

May

- Eva de la Gardie Ceremony at the French Residence
- Sweden-France joint workshop on Sustainable and Safe Composites of the future, Luleå
- Grön Utopi, final event, Stockholm

June

- Presentation of the French Institute Nordic Award at the French Residence
- Sophie Germain residence: Two weeks scientific stay in Paris

September

- Scientific event : ForskarFredag
- FINA week scientific trip

October

- French Swedish Research Days on Batteries
- Grön Utopi trip to Strasbourg

November

- Science FIKA
- Eva de la Gardie: One month scientific stayin Paris

December

- Photo contest: Studying in France
- SACO, student forum

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR NEW PROJECTS

Newsletter Scientifique, Innovation et Universitaire

More information

Every month, the Science and Academic Cooperation Service brings you the latest news on science, innovation and academia in Sweden, as well as the month's science and academic calendar in French.
You can consult last year's issues on the French-Nordic Research website.

France Alumni Network in Sweden

More information

Following the 2023 initiative to set up a France Alumni Day event, we launched the France Alumni network in Sweden. Come and join the network!

Scientific network of the French Embassy in Sweden

More information

You are a French scientist, a Francophile or a Francophone in Sweden? You are active in a research organization in France or in Sweden and you want to find a research partner in the other country? 🇫🇷🇸🇪 You have been a laureate of a mobility program between France and Sweden and want to keep in touch with the people you met? You would like to know more about what's happening in the French and Swedish scientific spheres? You would be eager to participate in scientific events organized by the IFS?
Join our Network!

OUR PARTNERS IN 2023

Would you like to support the actions of the scientific and university department?

The French Institute in Sweden is looking for partners for the Tour de Suède 2024!

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