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REPORT 2019

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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International strategy

The University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne (URCA) has a long tradition of welcoming international students and opening up its training and research to the world.

Today, it welcomes 3,000 students from 120 different nationalities and 800 international newcomers each year.

The URCA has developed targeted partnership with almost 250 universities worldwide.

The international policy has become a priority strategical axis of the establishment project in 2008 and since then, the URCA keeps on developing a true culture of the international inside its community.

This policy is declined through 3 axes:

- **To reinforce our integration in cross-border and international networks** to increase our attractivity.
The URCA aims at becoming a referential academic research Hub in agricultural sciences, environment, biotechnologies and bio economy. The URCA also wants to develop a niche strategy of excellence in digital and engineering sciences, health, humanities and social sciences sciences. This scientific policy relies on a reinforced support of international research projects proposal thanks to the combined action of the international projects Unit and the creation of common support to disciplinary research services.
 - **To give our students a large opening onto the world** thanks to an ambitious and voluntary policy in terms of foreign languages learning, to the reinforcement of internships and academic mobilities with our university or private partners in foreign countries. The URCA wishes to give its students the levers for their professional integration and the keys to success.
 - **To attract quality international students, PhD students and university lecturers and researchers** thanks to a dynamic policy in terms of welcoming and integration and thanks to a voluntary policy in terms of internationalisation of trainings. In July 2019, the URCA was awarded the "Bienvenue en France" ** label symbolising its quality welcome for international students. Thus, the URCA supports the creation of joint degrees and encourages the creation of degrees, master degrees and PhD diplomas given in English.
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Key figures: Mobility and cooperation

- 3125** foreign students (124 nationalities)
- 300** ERASMUS+ agreements with **177** partner universities in **26** European countries
5 new Erasmus+ agreements including **3** with new partner universities.
- 87** collaboration agreements (MoU, DPI, PEE,...) with **24** countries around the world (outside Europe). **21** agreements signed including **9** with new partner universities.
- 254** Outgoing students including **103** Erasmus +.
- 90** Incoming international students in exchange program including **73** Erasmus + .
- 388** Outgoing students in internship mobility abroad.
- 100** PhD students and researchers welcomed by the EURAXESS Service center.
- 1** International Associated Laboratory with Russia: LIA SAMIA.
- 3** Laureates of the EIFFEL excellence grant.

International Projects Research and Training

- 38** international projects handled by the international Research Projects Unit.
- 18** new projects agreed in 2018-2019.

17 new International research projects

- 3** Horizon 2020 projects
- 1** CEF Transports projects
- 1** ANR International French-Swiss project
- 1** New Fulbright grant with the United States
- 4** INTERREG VA France Wallonie Flandres projects
- 1** INTERREG VB Europe du Nord Ouest project
- 1** COST project including 1 team of the URCA
- 5** PHC projects

Other relevant information in 2019

- Membership of the URCA at the «Bureau Europe Grand Est» in Brussels.

- With the SFR Condorcet, Organisation of a thematic day about the ANR international dispositives with the presence of 8 contact points of the ANR.



2019 calendar

January

- On the occasion of the **Aachen Treaty** of cooperation between France and Germany, URCA students took part in the citizen dialogue with President Emmanuel Macron and Federal Chancellor Angela Merkel.
- **Institutional visit** in the University of Seville within the framework of the future twinning between the cities of Reims and Seville.
- Entry of the URCA, as coordinator of the Champagne-Ardenne higher education and research establishments (ESR networks) at the **Bureau Europe Grand Est** (representation office in Bruxelles).

February

- **International students welcome ceremony (2nd semester).**
- **Selection committee** for outgoing students (outside of Europe mobility).

March

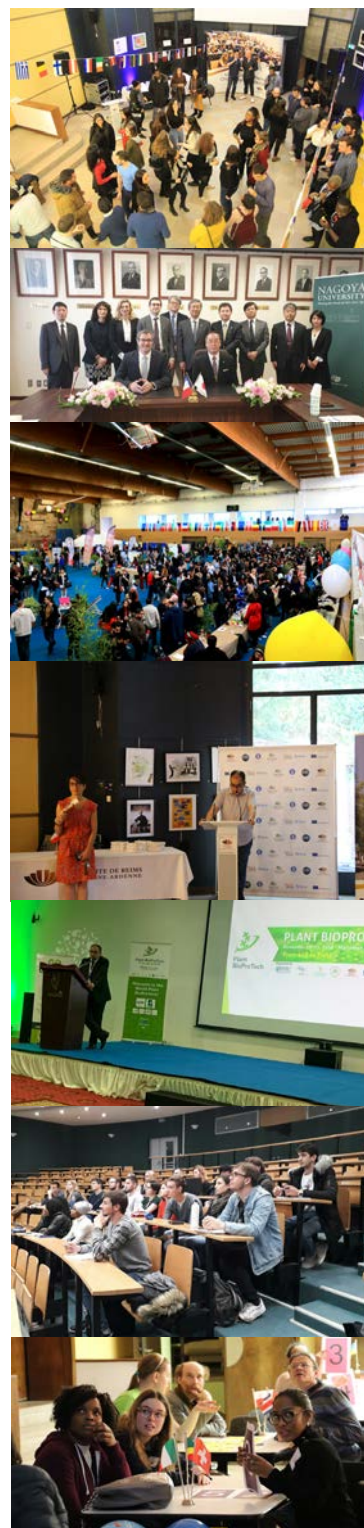
- **Institutional visit of the President of the URCA in Japan** in the universities of Nagoya, Saitama and Tokyo.
- Organisation of the **Pre-International Meeting on Radiation Processing Training Course** in partnership with the International Irradiation Association (IIA).

April

- **Cultures en fête / International Students' Day** - 10th édition.
- Welcoming of the education officer of the Naberezhnye Chelny State Pedagogical Institute of the Russian Tatarstan, within the framework of the Erasmus+ **"International Credits Mobility"**.
- Official launch in Reims of the **H2020 ECXEL AI4DI project on Artificial Intelligence** for the Digital Industry reuniting 41 partners.

May

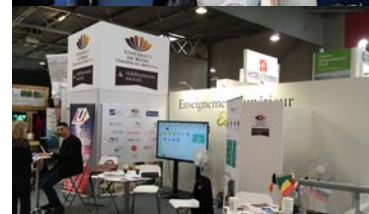
- Welcoming of a delegation from the **Plekhanov University of Moscow**.
- Signing of cooperation Agreement to exchange students with the **Fédéral Center for Technical Education of Minas Gerais** in Brazil.



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June

- Organisation of the first **International PhD-Lab (IPL) in Mathematics** (co-funded by the Grand Reims and the Erasmus + programme).
- Participation of the URCA in the **20th anniversary of the Bologna declaration conference**.
- **Institutional visit** of the President of the URCA in Tchad at the Bon Samaritain CHU for the inauguration of the infectious diseases service.
- **Signing of a cooperation agreement** with the **Université du Sfax – Ecole Nationale d'Ingénieurs de Sfax (ENIS)** in the framework of PHC Utique et Maghreb.
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- **Signing of a cooperation agreement** of exchange students with the **Saitama University** in Japan.



July

- The URCA obtained «**Bienvenue en France**» ** label, awarding the URCA for the **welcome quality of international students**.
- Participation of the URCA to the “**Rencontres Recherches Innovations**” with the diplomatic posts, organised by Campus France in Paris.
- **Signing of a cooperation agreement** with the **Panama Federal University** in Brazil.
- 1st edition of a **Library Staff Week**.

August

- **Welcome Week** – for new international students.
- “International, sport culture” Thematical day at the **Châlons-en-Champagne regional Fair**.



September

- Representation of the URCA at the **EAIE institutional Fair in Helsinki**
- **Students' Welcome Day**
- Ratification of the **MeNS network Charter**: charter on the welcoming of exiled publics ratified by the Administrative Council in September 2019.
- **Signing of a cooperation agreement** for the **IEGG French-Slovakian joint master's degree** between the Matej Bel University and the UFR DSP of the URCA.
- **Signing of a treaty protocol** with the Latin America French Institute of Mexico.
- Welcoming at the Office of International Affairs of an delegation of administrative staff from the Plekhanov University of Moscow, within the framework of Erasmus+ programme "**Credits International Mobility**".

October

- **International Speed Meeting.**
- **International week & "Time to move" fair.**
- Launch of a **training cycle in english and intercultural approach** for the administrative staff.
- Participation in the **Solemn Assembly for the new academic year of the UMonS** in Belgium.
- Decoration of the **Honoris Causa doctoral degree** to the Brazilian professor Renato Machado Cotta, within the framework of the Solemn Assembly for the new academic year of the URCA.
- Welcoming in the Troyes and Chaumont INSPEs of a teachers' delegation from the State pedagogical institute of Naberezhnye Chelnye of the Russian Tatarstan within the framework of the **Erasmus+ "International Credits Mobility"**.
- Welcoming in the IUT of Troyes of a delegation from the **Cégep La Cité du Canada**, within the framework of the renewal of their cooperative and students exchange agreement.
- Participation of the URCA to the presentation of the future "**Horizon Europe**" research and innovation programme in the presence of the European commission in Paris.



November

- Participation of the URCA at the **Luxembourg student fair**
- Launch of the **"Urban and Spatial Planning"** joint master's degree with the UAV of Venice.
- Kick-off event: **Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree: BIOCEB**.
- 2nd edition of the **Plant BioProdTech in Marrakech**, in partnership with the IAR pole, the INRA-Maroc and the IAV.
- **Euraxess Welcome Event**: welcoming of international researchers and PhD students.
- Representation of the URCA on the occasion of the **"Partenariat Hubert Curien-Tournesol"** celebration, organised by the French embassy in Belgium, for The strengthening of the French-Belgium scientific cooperation.



December

- Launch of the **Tandem Language Exchange Programme**.
- Launch of a new pairing system programme to match administrative members and teachers with students : **Buddy Family**.
- Kick off of the **INTERREG VB Europe du Nord Ouest Agriwastevalue project**, gathering 8 European partners on the reuse of the wastes/byproducts from agriculture.



Visibility

- **Social networks:**



59 Tweets
444 followers



2900 likes



Creation of an Instagram Profile
in December 2019



The **Office of International Affairs**, with all the directions & central services, the faculties and research units, the university lecturers and researchers and administrative staff and with the support of institutional partners of the university, settles the **internationalisation policy of the University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne**, which revolves around 4 major axes:

- To **encourage the european and international mobility** of students, university lecturers and researchers and of administrative staff.
- To **develop the scientific cooperation** with foreign universities.
- To **lead an active institutional partnership policy**.
- To **ensure a dynamic communication** aimed at international audiences.



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