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Country reports

France – Couperin

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Who can join us ?

Can be members of COUPERIN, public or private institutions in charge of higher education and research missions in France.

Couperin is not a consortium of libraries but of academic and research institutions.

The annual contribution, based on the number of teachers and researchers affiliated, is between 200 and 800 €.



Members

211 members at the end of 2007 (15 new members)

Analysis by ministries

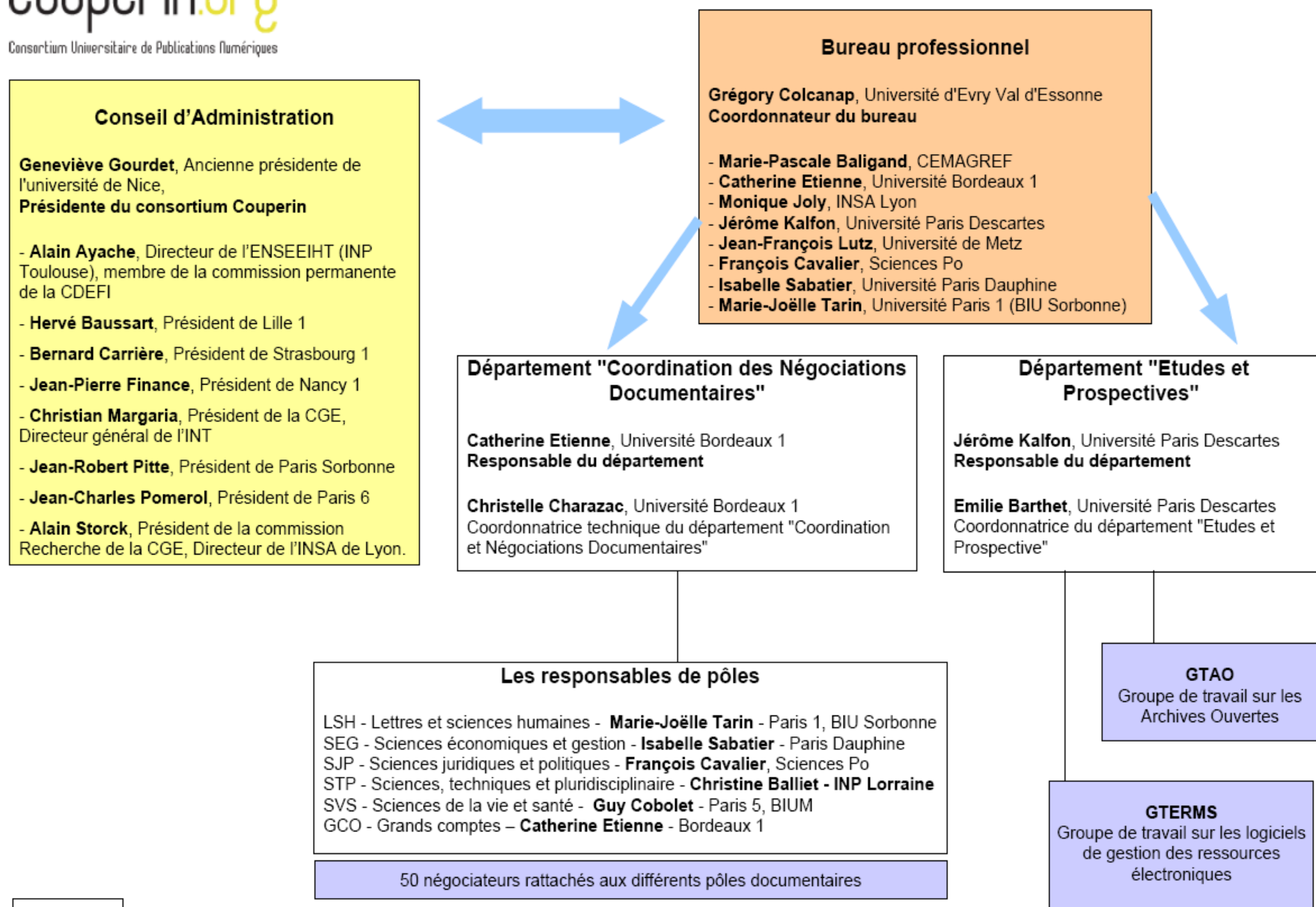
- ***161 public higher education***
 - ***127 ministry of higher education and research***
 - ***34 others ministries: agriculture, industry, defence, economy, health, ecology and development***
- ***15 private higher education institutes***
- ***30 public research institutes***
- ***5 health organisations***

among others :

- ***81 universities***
- ***62 engineering and science schools, economics and business schools***



ORGANIGRAMME DU CONSORTIUM COUPERIN



Research in France : an historical complex model

For better understanding the landscape of scientific information in France : a short outline of the history of the institutions of French research.



Majors french national research institutes

Name	Creation date	Scientific domain	Under supervision of
CNRS	1939 / 1945	Multidisciplinary	Research
CEA	1945	Atomic energy	Defence
INSERM	1964 (before INH 1945)	Health	Reserch and Health
INRA CEMAGEF	1946 1985 ?	Agriculture	Research and Agriculture
IFP	1944	Oil, chemistry, energy	
IRD	1944	Development	Research and Cooperation
CNES	1961	Space	Research and Defence
INRIA	1967	Computers	Research
IFREMER	1982 fusion of two institutes (created in 1918 and 1967)	Seas and Oceans	Ecology...



Between 1945 and today some dates

1968

Student protests and general strike. End of the power of the directors of faculty. Transformation and creation of numerous universities. These changes put the power in the hands of the presidents, named rectors in many foreign countries. A number is given to differentiate the new universities of the same city : Paris 1 to 11, Lyon 1 et 2

1968 – 1976

The process of creation go on. Numerous universities are considered too much marked politically to the left, new establishments are created with an anchoring very to the right.



Between 1945 and today some dates

1984 and 1991

Two new waves of creation, transforming university sub-branches into real and autonomous universities, to fill out the territory and meet the increase of the student workforce (phenomenon of massification of teaching).

2000 = 85 universities



Between 1945 and today some dates

2003

Shanghai ranking effects

French universities have a bad ranking because they are too small.
Solution is simple, we must have larger universities....

2006

A new law : PRES (pôles de recherche et d'enseignement supérieur) are centers of excellence, joining together some academic organizations, with a disciplinary or geographical logic.

2008

A new law : LRU, this law gives new liberties and responsibilities to the universities. They become more autonomous.



Action plan 2007

- *Improve the coordination between academic and research institutions for negotiating contracts with publishers and for accessing electronic publications*



Regular dialogues with the representatives of STI in research organizations (EPST and EPIC); steering committees of the negotiations for the groupings of orders.

Widening of the grouping Science Direct and Cell Press with new EPST and EPIC: ECA, AFSSA, IFP, INRIA, INRETS, CSTB.



Action plan 2007

- *Analyse the usage of electronic resources by the various researchers communities in order to control better development and costs*



Couperin worked with the OST = Observatoire des Sciences et des Techniques (OST designs and produces R&D indicators) in order to analyse where the French researchers publish and which is the origin of the quoted articles.



Where the French researchers publish ?

Publishers	Total of the publications between 2003 and 2005	Percentage with regard to the set
ELSEVIER LTD	2648	24,48%
SPRINGER VERLAG	1306	12,07%
BLACKWELL PUBLISHERS	779	7,20%
WILEY & SONS LTD	594	5,49%
TAYLOR & FRANCIS LTD	448	4,14%
LIPPINCOTT WILLIAMS & WILKINS	281	2,59%
IEEE SERVICE CENTER	220	2,03%
OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS	196	1,81%
CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS	147	1,35%
NATURE PUBLISHING GROUP	128	1,18%
Total of articles published by these publishers	6747	62,38%
Total of all the published articles	10815	100,00%



Report between commercial publishers and learned societies having published more than 50 articles of French researchers from 2003 till 2005: the French researchers publish 8 times more articles at commercial publishers than at learned societies.

Commercial publishers	6811 articles	89 %
Learned societies	820 articles	11 %



Citations

On the whole, one counts 24326 articles quoted in the publications of the French researchers of 1999 to 2005. These quoted articles come from the reviews of 644 editors.

In the category More than 1000 articles quoted by the French researchers, one counts 5 editors. The reviews of these editors add up 53.25% of the total of the quotations made by French researchers.



Citations

Publishers	Number of quoted articles resulting from reviews of the publisher	Percentage with regard to the total of quotations made by the French researchers
ELSEVIER LTD	5979	24,58%
SPRINGER VERLAG	2827	11,62%
BLACKWELL PUBLISHERS AGENCY	1806	7,42%
WILEY & SONS LTD	1332	5,48%
TAYLOR & FRANCIS LTD	1010	4,15%
Total of quoted articles resulting from reviews of these publishers	12954	53,25%
Total of quoted articles	24326	100,00%



Action plan 2007

- *Implement an archiving policy for perennial access to the electronic resources purchased by the members*



e-journal digital preservation

3 major actors in France :

Higher education ==> CINES Centre Informatique National de l'Enseignement Supérieur (National Computing Center for Higher Education)

Research institutes ==> INIST Institut National de l'Information Scientifique et Technique (National Institute for Scientific and Technical Information)

But also :

Bibliothèque Nationale de France (French National Library)



Deposit of the current files in 2 sites (INIST and Abes): Elsevier, Springer, Thomson; generalization progressively of the renewals of groupings of orders.

To also lay down a national policy of conservation of the reviews paper, urgent with the passage to the e-only.

To lay down a national policy for the backfiles with the whole of the partners (of which BnF and INIST): an investigation in April 2007, and file in progress for national licences for a basic core (Elsevier, Springer, Wiley-Blackwell)]

Currently, the purchases not concerted among the members or at our partners constitute a serious handicap.



Action plan 2007

- *Work for a better involvement of academic institutions in open archives*



Within the framework of the agreement CPU/CGE/EPST, which envisages the deposit of the publications of the researchers on a single « national » repository, named HAL (Hyper Articles en Ligne).

Work of the GTA0 (work group on the open archives) :

in particular on the metadata and the communication (40 participants; 10 meetings), conclusion of work of the GTA0 at the end of 2008

- mailing list couperin-ao
- Wiki

One day of technical studies 21 may 2007 on the implementation of the institutional open files in the establishments of higher education (210 participants, an investigation of satisfaction); project of one or two days at the beginning of 2009



Action plan 2007

- *Improve the use of electronic resources with ERM_s*



Work of the GTERMS (work group on the electronic resources management systems) :

Study of the functionalities awaited for an operation in a consortium.

Drafting of the technical specifications.

- mailing list couperin-erms
- wiki

Two days of study the 26 and 27 May 2008 made it possible to meet the technical solution providers and to collect experience feedbacks of libraries equipped with an ERM.



Action plan 2007

- *Strengthen the coordination with the other consortia in Europe and in the world participating actively to their activities*



We are here for that !



Two dreams ?

To take actions of lobbying near the European Union to obtain a decrease of the VAT on the e-journals.

To sign multi-consortial agreements at the european level with the publishers, and to implement a European policy as regards STI.



Big negotiations during year 2008



Negotiations fo renewals 2009 - (Grouping of orders)

- ACS : Test of the new economic model ?
- IOP : inquiry in progress
- JSTOR : inquiry in progress
- Springer : inquiry in progress. Springer would like a e-only model
- Thomson WoS : inquiry done, proposal sent to members
- Wiley-Blackwell : first meeting soon
- Lexis Nexis Jurisclasseurs



New Groupings of orders for 2009 - ?

- Nature : inquiry in progress
- Techniques de l'Ingénieur : inquiry in progress, first meeting soon
- IEEE : negotiation not succeeded in 2007
- MUSE



Work to be carried out : Elsevier

- Renewal done for Freedom collection, 2008-2009. Same conditions as usual (historical paper based price, regular increase of the total amount)
- Unequal distribution of the global charges between members
- We don't have to wait for an Elsevier's proposal towards a new model (this model is announced from 2006...)
- We have to think by ourselves to a new distribution of the global amount
- Constitution of a working group representative of the Couperin members' diversity (big, small, domains, types, financial resources, FTE, uses)
- With representatives of national research organizations (CNRS, INSERM, INRA)

- A work to be carried out since June 2008
- Call for candidate for WG



Helping negotiators

- Guidelines for negotiators
- To be done : a technical addendum to the « Negotiations' frame »
 - Contract
 - Legal domain
 - Financial domain
 - License model
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