

INRIA and the University of Bordeaux sign a scientific partnership agreement

On 17 January 2008, the University of Bordeaux and INRIA signed a partnership agreement setting out the conditions governing collaborative work carried out by joint INRIA project-teams (EPI) set up with a number of establishments (in particular the University of Bordeaux 1, University of Bordeaux 2 and ENSEIRB) forming part of a research and higher education cluster ([PRES](#)).

The opening of the new [INRIA Bordeaux-Sud Ouest Research Centre](#) provided the backdrop for the signing of a partnership framework agreement by Bernard Bégaud, Chairman of the University of Bordeaux PRES and Michel Cosnard, INRIA's Chairman and CEO.

It is **the first agreement of this kind to be signed by INRIA with a higher education establishment** and reflects the Institute's new partnership policy decided upon in 2007.

A cooperation agreement between the Aquitaine Region and the Institute was also signed on this occasion by Alain Rousset, President of the Aquitaine Region and Michel Cosnard.

The INRIA Bordeaux - Sud-Ouest Research Centre, directed by Claude Kirchner, is currently composed of 14 teams, with a work force of 250 people, including 100 INRIA employees.

About INRIA

The National Institute for Research in Computer Science and Control is the only French public institute entirely dedicated to research in information and communication science and technology (ICST). It has a staff of 3,700 – 2,900 of whom are scientists – working in eight research centres across France. INRIA has an annual budget of 162 million euros, excluding VAT, 20% of which comes from its own research contracts and licences. INRIA has huge influence in the following fields: "networks, telecoms and multimedia", "complex systems and software" and "modelling, simulation and visualisation". It develops cooperative projects with the business world through strategic industrial partnerships and by setting up open consortiums and companies (80 start-ups in 20 years) - particularly through its subsidiary INRIA-Transfert, promoter of four start-up funds.

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