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Press release

> Agreement signed for the creation of a Franco-Russian lab

Institut Mines-Télécom, the Russian Academy of Science and Tomsk State University signed an agreement for the creation of a joint laboratory, called Qualipso, in the area of the quality of web applications. Research will focus in particular on the use of formal methods for dealing with issues concerning service validity and reliability.

The signature was the culmination of a two-day French-Russian seminar on the agreement, held in Paris at the Institut Mines-Télécom premises, which was attended by about thirty researchers from the three institutions. The setup of this joint lab formalizes and gives structure to the cooperation that has already existed for nearly 20 years between researchers from Télécom SudParis and the Information Technology department (faculty of radiophysics) / Computer Sciences Laboratory of the University of Tomsk, and which has already proven itself by producing scientific results of excellence. This construction aims to strengthen and boost collaboration, in particular by encouraging mobility among researchers, PhD students, and post-docs, between the three partnering institutions.



In other respects, from the outset, this agreement is designed to accommodate other research teams from our institutions as well as to incorporate education-related topics.

According to David Sadek, Director for Research of Institut Mines-Télécom, “this kind of action, that comes within our international partnerships policy, allows us to consolidate our existing cooperation with flagship teams and institutions in our own research and education areas, thereby contributing to the worldwide influence of Institut Mines-Télécom.”

For Viktor P. Ivannikov, Director of the Institute for System Programming of Russian Academy of Sciences, “On the one hand, formal methods have begun to be really used in Software Engineering practically; on the other hand, France and Russia have deep traditions on different formal models and languages. That gives hopes in new innovations for our French–Russian joint cooperation”.

For Dmitriy V. Sukhushin, Vice-Rector for Strategic Development of Tomsk State University, “The opening of the joint laboratory is the result of our long collaboration and mutual trust. This international joint laboratory provides new opportunities for its members encouraging the integration of research into the international scientific society. We believe that the integration of our studies will contribute to our mutual competitive advantage aiming at being leaders in priority research areas.”

About Institut Mines-Télécom www.mines-telecom.fr

Institut Mines-Télécom is a public establishment dedicated to higher education, research and innovation in the engineering and digital fields. It is made up of 10 Mines and Télécom “grandes écoles”, under the aegis of the Minister for Productivity.

There are 2 subsidiary schools and 2 strategic partners and a network of 11 partner schools.

Institut Mines-Télécom is nationally and internationally renowned for the high standard of its courses for engineers, managers and PhD students, and its research and innovation activities.

Institut Mines-Télécom is a member of the Allistene, Aviesan and Athena national alliances for research planning. It maintains close relationships with the business world and has two Instituts Carnot. Every year, some one hundred start-up businesses are born.

About Tomsk State University www.tsu.ru

Tomsk State University (TSU) is the oldest university in the Asian part of Russia and was founded in Tomsk in 1878 as the First Siberian Imperial University. Tomsk State University is a higher education institution comprising 23 faculties and institutes and 150 departments offering 135 specialties and subject areas. There are also 5 Centers of Excellence and 64 World-class Laboratories with more than 100 foreign researchers involved. In the QS rating, TSU is among the top 500 universities in the world.

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