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Press release

> New Directors for IMT Lille Douai and Mines Albi-Carmaux

Alain-Louis Schmitt has been appointed "Director of the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines-Télécom Lille Douai," for a five-year period, by a [ruling](#) of the Minister for the Economy and Finance dated April 12, 2017. By this same ruling, Narendra Jussien has been appointed "Director of the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines of Albi-Carmaux" for a five-year term starting on May 1, 2017.

Alain-Louis Schmitt, the new Director of IMT Lille Douai, succeeded Daniel Boulnois on May 1st, 2017

Alain-Louis Schmitt, a graduate of the École des Mines of Douai, has a doctorate in mechanical engineering from Valenciennes University and is a Corps des Mines Engineer. He began his career at the École des Mines of Douai in 1982 as a lecturer (digital control, microprocessors, production control) in charge of mechanics and robotics studies, and then served as head of the computer-integrated manufacturing department.

Alain-Louis was then deputy director of the École des Mines of Nantes from 1995 to 2002, and also served as Deputy Regional Director for Industry, Research and the Environment for the Pays de la Loire from 2001 to 2002.

From 2002 to 2009, he served as Regional Director of Industry, Research and the Environment for the Lower Normandy Region and was also a territorial delegate for the Nuclear Safety Authority (Caen Division).

In February 2010, he was appointed Regional Director of Businesses, Competition, Consumption, Work and Employment (DIRECCTE) for the Pays de la Loire Region.

He had been the Director of the École Nationale Supérieure des Mines of Albi-Carmaux since May 2012.

Alain-Louis Schmitt was born on July 11, 1958.

Narendra Jussien, the new Director of Mines Albi-Carmaux, succeeded Alain Schmitt on May 1st, 2017.

Narendra Jussien, a professor of computer science, was Assistant Director of IMT Lille Douai until April 30, 2017 and Director of Télécom Lille from 2014-2016.



"It is with great enthusiasm that I take up the position of Director of IMT Lille Douai, a new model of school, created by the merger between Mines Douai and Télécom Lille, which combines exceptional human potential with unprecedented conditions for inventing and organizing the engineering programs of tomorrow. I will drive this momentum, with support from the entire staff, as I am acutely aware of the historic anticipation with which businesses are awaiting skills combining engineering sciences, digital sciences and technologies and innovations based on world-class research."



He is a 1994 graduate of Angers' Institute of Applied Mathematics, earned a doctorate in computer science in 1997 (Rennes-I) and has been accredited to lead research (Nantes) since 2003. After a brief period in which he worked for the General Delegation for Armament as part of his national military service, Narendra Jussien began his career at Mines Nantes (which is now IMT Atlantique) in 1998 as an Assistant Professor of computer science and later served as head of the computer science department. In January 2014, he was appointed Director of Télécom Lille, and remained in this position until the merger with Mines Douai to create IMT Lille Douai on January 1, 2017.



"Taking over as director of Mines Albi-Carmaux is an exciting, rewarding and challenging task."

"This school has a great number of advantages and I am very excited to begin working with the team here. I am fully committed to enhancing the development strategy of this IMT treasure."

As a researcher, Narendra Jussein has authored some hundred publications and has made a significant contribution to the organization of the French scientific community in his area of expertise by founding the French Association for Constraint Programming. He also created the Choco solver, and continues to contribute to his area of expertise in his role as editor-in-chief of "Constraint Programming and Operations Research" for publishers Hermes Sciences and ISTE/Wiley.

Narendra Jussien is a Chevalier des Palmes Académiques (Knight of Academic Palms), a Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and a member of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM).

He is interested in literature (especially the works of Honoré de Balzac), plays the piano, is an amateur photographer and enjoys cooking. He is also an avid runner in his free time.

Narendra Jussien was born on 01.09.1973.

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IMT is a public institution dedicated to higher education and research for innovation in the fields of engineering and digital technology. Always tuned in to the economic world, it combines high academic and scientific legitimacy with close business relations and a unique positioning in 3 major transformations of the 21st century: Digital Affairs, Energy and Ecology, and Industry. Its training and research for innovation are conducted in the Mines and Télécom Graduate Schools under the supervision of the Minister for Industry and Electronic Communications, in one subsidiary and in institutions that are associate partners or under contract. IMT is a founding member of the Industry of the Future Alliance. It has two Carnot labels for the quality of its research partnerships. Every year, around one hundred startup companies leave its incubators.

About IMT Lille Douai www.imt-lille-douai.fr

IMT Lille Douai is a new engineering school at the heart of energy, industrial and digital transitions, created by the merger between Mines Douai and Telecom Lille on January 1st, 2017.

The school is integrated with IMT (Institut Mines-Télécom) in partnership with Lille University, and carries out world-class training and research in science and technology in the areas of: digital technology, processes for industry and services, energy and environment, materials and structures.

With 2,000 students (including 450 apprentices), over 500 graduates per year, and an alumni network with 10,000 members, it is the largest engineering school north of Paris.

About Mines Albi www.mines-albi.fr

Mines Albi trains innovative and humanist general engineers from around the world who incorporate a sustainable development approach in their actions and management.

Educating meticulous, resourceful engineers who can help bring new momentum to companies. Inventing innovative products and processes using cutting-edge research. Developing these products and processes with industrial partners, thereby contributing to the economic expansion of our territory...these are the missions of Mines Albi.

In accordance with its environment, Mines Albi has chosen to specialize in niches of expertise which are both original and of key importance: materials and processes for the aeronautical and space industries, energy recovery from biomass and waste, new technologies for developing medical dosage forms, business and professional organization in networks.

In these areas of expertise, the school has been able to draw renowned professors and researchers to Albi, where they carry out internationally-recognized work. Companies benefit from their support as well as scientific tools which are unique in the region to test the feasibility of new products and processes.

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