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Grenoble INP-Pagora heads to China

In June, a trip to the birthplace of paper – organised with the backing of Allimand and French Embassy attachés in Shanghai and Guangzhou – gave two representatives from Grenoble INP-Pagora the opportunity to meet Chinese academics and manufacturers.

A major producer and consumer of paper, China is engaged in a transition strategy that is both industrial – to stimulate the growth of pulp and paper production in the country – and environmental: Chinese firms operating in the paper sector have expressed a great deal of interest in biorefinery, biomaterials and bioproducts. This is a sustainable technological development policy to which Grenoble INP-Pagora's engineering training and LGP2's innovative research have much to contribute.

Isabelle Desloges, Head of International Relations, and Séverin Van Gastel, Head of International Development and Partnerships, met with representatives of APP, China Haisum Engineering and China Tobacco Mauduit, as well as those of various universities – Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Duke Kunshan University (Kunshan), Chinese University of Petroleum (Qingdao) and South China University of Technology (Guangzhou) – to initiate new partnerships.

Indeed, China offers attractive career opportunities to graduates of the engineering school, as exemplified by Valentin Ackermann, who hosted the Grenoble delegation. Having graduated as an engineer from Grenoble INP-Pagora in 2012, he is now Deputy General Manager – Operations at China Tobacco Mauduit (Jiangmen).

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Photo(s)

P19_mission-Chine_1 Isabelle Desloges and Séverin Van Gastel

P19_mission-Chine_2 With Valentin Ackermann, a 2012 graduate of Grenoble INP-Pagora (second from the left)

Grenoble INP-Pagora, the international school of paper, print media and biomaterials. The school is Quality, Safety & Environment certified and part of Grenoble INP, an engineering institute geared towards training "*engineers who are creative, responsible and committed to a sustainable world*". It trains engineers for the sectors of green chemistry, paper, printing, packaging, biomaterials and printed electronics. It also offers a vocational degree: *Interactive Print and Digital Media*. Its wide range of courses, pedagogical expertise and strong partnerships with industry allow it to continuously tailor its training to the needs of businesses and to the 60 graduates it produces each year, thus enabling them to embark upon stimulating careers in France and abroad. Grenoble INP-Pagora also develops international training in conjunction with several European universities, as well as offering a 2nd year engineering course, a Master *Biorefinery & Biomaterials* and a Post-Master *Biorefinery: bioenergy, bioproducts & biomaterials* dispensed in English. The innovative research performed by its LGP2 laboratory helps to improve processes and create products that meet all the latest requirements, notably those linked to the environment. These activities ensure that the training offered is up to date with the latest scientific and technological advances. <http://pagora.grenoble-inp.fr/en> • <https://www.facebook.com/GrenobleINP.Pagora>

The Laboratory of Pulp and Paper Science and Graphic Arts (LGP2) is a joint research unit (UMR 5518) run by the CNRS, Grenoble INP and the AGEFPI. It conducts its scientific activities in conjunction with the academic community of Grenoble Alpes University. LGP2 comprises three teams: *Biorefinery: chemistry and eco-processes* – *Multiscale biobased materials* – *Surface functionalization through printing processes*. Their research strives to meet society's expectations when it comes to sustainable development (green chemistry, clean processes, recycling, biobased materials, renewable energy) and traceability & safety (functional materials, smart paper and packaging). <http://pagora.grenoble-inp.fr/en/research>