



# Welcome foreign and French researchers

## Science Accueil's letter

### February 2010

*Dear Friends,*

*Science Accueil is glad to inform you with its latest news to help you to facilitate your stay.*

#### Free French courses for the spouses of foreign scientists

Science Accueil offers spouses of researchers free French courses in Les Ulis. These courses appointed by the OFII (French Office of the Immigration and the Integration) take place on Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9:00 am till 12:30 am and from 2:00 pm till 5:00 pm. Since these French classes are subsidized by a public fund, attendance is mandatory and students have to take the DILF (Initial Diploma of French Language) or the DELF (Diplôme of French Language Studies) exam at the end of the course. Students are evaluated in the beginning of the session, and the duration of the training depends on this evaluation. The course is open to spouses of researchers depending on their linguistic and professional needs. A special advisor will first evaluate whether they can join the course.

This offer is exceptional and punctual. It will not necessarily be renewed in September, 2010.

If you are interested, please email your request to Science Accueil: [contact@science-accueil.org](mailto:contact@science-accueil.org)

#### Thursday, March 11th, 2010: bilingual guided visit of SOLEIL synchrotron, organized for all researchers and their family

In partnership with the communications office of SOLEIL, Science Accueil organizes a bilingual visit tour of the synchrotron SOLEIL to Saint-Aubin, on the plateau of Saclay, next Thursday, March 11th, from 10 am till 12 am.

This exceptional visit is free of charge. This visit is open to all researchers, PHD students and MBA students from HEC. Please note that the visit will not be interesting for children and that only children above the age of 12 can participate in any case.

The number of places being limited, we invite you to register you as quickly as possible and before March 5th, 2010. Only the persons registered before this date can participate in the visit, within the limits of the available places (this day, there is only a few places left). For information, all the researchers, the PhD students and MBA of HEC having appealed to the services of Science Accueil receive automatically the invitations for the visits which take place during all the duration their stay in France.

More information: <http://www.science-accueil.org/fr/infos-direct/tourisme-loisirs.html>

In order to register, please send to [contact@science-accueil.org](mailto:contact@science-accueil.org) the answering coupon which you can download on our website: <http://www.science-accueil.org/uk/direct-infos/tourism-and-spare-time-a.html>

#### In 2009, Science Accueil helped 1.947 researchers

In 2009, the services of Science Accueil helped 1.947 researchers, PhD students and trainees to find accommodation or in their administrative procedures. Among them, 1.830 guests made us a request for accommodation, accompanied for some of a request for administrative assistance. 117 guests sought us only for an administrative assistance in particular about visa or "titre de séjour". Science Accueil remains the second Euraxess Services Centre of France after the BACE of the Cité internationale universitaire de Paris (inner Paris), towards the number of welcomed guests and the offered services.

In spite of the constant increase of the requests, we do everything we can to maintain the quality of the services offered to you. So do not hesitate to seek advice from us.

## We also offer you:

### A personalized assistance to get through formalities

In order to help your guest researchers to get through their formalities (visa, residency permit, work permit, taxes, health insurance, bank account, schooling or nursing, etc), please do not hesitate to contact Sandra Richard ([contact@science-accueil.org](mailto:contact@science-accueil.org)) in Orsay or Virginie Chabbert ([evry@science-accueil.org](mailto:evry@science-accueil.org)) in Evry.

### Help for housing

With our database of 3.000 furnished accommodation (rooms in the owner's house, one-bedroom apartment, apartments or houses), mainly located along the B, C, and D train lines (RER) or in Paris downtown, we can help you to find the most appropriate accommodation. Please fill in the form: <http://www.science-accueil.org/uk/prepare-your-stay/online-questionnaire.html>

### Cultural visits and activities

We organize social activities for you with our local partners. For more details, please click here: <http://www.science-accueil.org/uk/direct-infos/tourism-and-spare-time-a.html>  
For registration, please contact us ([contact@science-accueil.org](mailto:contact@science-accueil.org)).

### French courses for Researchers

In partnership with ALFAP we offer guest researchers and their spouses French classes of all levels in Orsay and Bures-sur-Yvette, and in Evry.  
Information: ALFAP - [contact@alfap.net](mailto:contact@alfap.net) - Phone: 09 54 97 18 59

In partnership with ILEI (ex-CEREL), the language centre of Versailles Saint-Quentin University, Science Accueil offers distance language training.  
This distance language training combines self-training based on online language software with a customized training program followed up by a teaching adviser.  
For more details please click here: <http://www.science-accueil.org/uk/direct-infos/french-courses.html>.

We are here to help you and to make you feel like home

Sincerely.  
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