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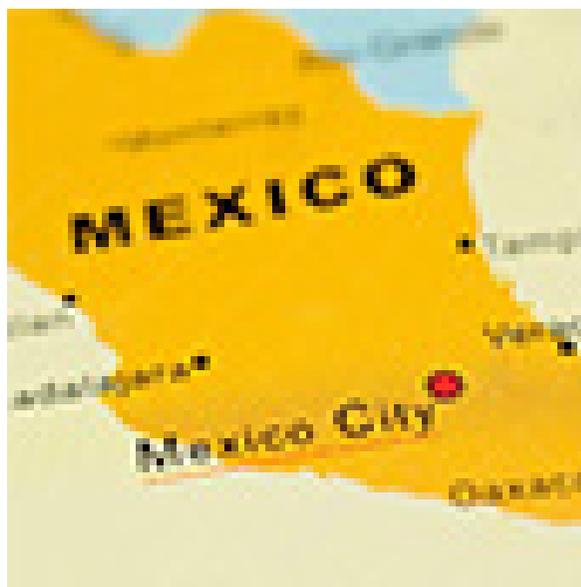
Mission Mexico: developing Franco-Mexican academic cooperation by promoting the French doctorate  
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Opportunities not to be missed

**From February 9th to 13th, 2015, Jacques Fouletier, former director of the Doctoral College, and Michel Campillo, researcher in seismology at the University Grenoble Alpes and silver medallist of the CNRS (French National Centre for Scientific Research), participated in a mission for promotion of the French doctorate in Mexico. The goal of this mission organised by Campus France and the Conacyt (Mexican National Council for Science and Technology) was to present French scientific and environmental qualities and recall the existing thesis funding opportunities to attract the best PhD students. Four French universities were represented and seven Mexican higher education schools were visited.**

With an aim to develop Franco-Mexican academic cooperation, Campus France and the French Embassy in Mexico organised with the Conacyt a mission to promote the French doctorate in Mexico. Four French universities were represented: the University of Toulouse, the University of Aix-Marseille, the University Languedoc-Roussillon and the *Université Grenoble Alpes*.

From February 9th to 13th, 2015, scientists and representatives of doctoral schools therefore travelled through Mexico to meet the future PhD students:

in Mexico: Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), Instituto Politécnico Nacional (IPN), Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana (UAM),  
in Monterrey: Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León, Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey (ITESM),  
in Guadalajara: Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara (UDG), Instituto Tecnológico y Estudios Superiores de Occidente (ITESO).



In each of these seven schools which were visited, Jacques Fouletier and Michel Campillo presented French research and doctoral studies. Each French university then highlighted the advantages of its site. They received a very warm welcome and discussions were concrete and constructive, especially those concerning the Conacyt scholarship programme.

Indeed, in order to make it easier for Mexican students to come to France, the Conacyt finances doctoral scholarships. Two types of scholarships are offered, 3-year scholarships for a complete doctorate (€1,090/month for a single person, €1,362/month for a couple) and scholarships (same amount) for shorter durations (one or two years). As the level of French language was possibly an obstacle to applications, rules have been made more flexible for 2015. The call for applications is open until June 19th, 2015.

The outcome of this mission is finally very positive and should be directly evaluated in the next months to come by the increase in the number of Mexican students coming to prepare their doctorate in France.

✦ More information:  
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