

PSRS AMB Meeting

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Agenda :

- 14:00 AMB jury
- 14:50 AMB planning & coordination

1°) PSRS Jury session

M1 results

Reminder that students are to acquire 60 ECTS to pass the year, and a minimum of 25 ECTS to pass a semester. Required coursework per semester represents 30 ECTS, but students are given various opportunities to earn additional credits.

Update on S1 Results at UJM

Results of the march 9th 2023 jury for the 18 initially enrolled PSRS students:

- one exclusion for excessive unjustified absences including missing exams,
- one student only obtained 23 ECTS, which is not enough to pass, so his scholarship suspended

Current situation

- The student who only obtained 23 ECTS during the March jury took and passed a resit exam for S1 while in Finland, earning an additional 5 ECTS, and now totalling 28 ECTS.

Semester 2 results at UEF

The 17 enrolled students earned between 30 and 41 ETC at U.E.F. All 17 students successfully completed the semester, and all 17 students earned at least 60 ECTS during the year, successfully completing requirement for the first year of the PSRS master degree.

M1 summer internships : Seven students have found summer internships

2022-2024 specialisations for M2 : Next year 4 students will do their S3 at UPEC, 5 at POLITO, an 7 at UJM.

M2 semester 3 results

At UJM only 3 students this year. They worked very well together, and all had good results and passed the semester.

At POLITO Seven students this year, results are on the whole quite satisfactory. One student still has to retake a resit exam to validate his semester.

At UPEC a very good group this year, very professional and hard working. Only one student has to retake a resit exam to validate his semester.

IMPORTANT : All full partners must forward Excel files with final grades ASAP to prepare degree supplements

2°) Other AMB topics

Use of Online Teaching in PSRS

Reminder: EACEA rules for EMJMDs specify that **no courses are to be given online** without express authorisation of the EACEA, for each course.

Procedure: The full partner wishing to do teaching online must forward to UJM an email (written by the full partner coordinator or the teacher of the course) explaining why you need to use online teaching rather than face to face teaching for a given course, or for certain students, and requesting an express authorization to do so for the course and specifying the dates of this request and the students concerned. UJM will then forward your request to EACEA, and relay their response. Requests must be addressed to master.PSRS@univ-st-etienne.fr at least 30 working days before the online teaching is to start.

During COVID, we obtained authorizations to give certain courses online, either because of sanitary restrictions or because of delayed visa delivery. These authorizations expired long ago, and we currently do not have any such authorization for any online teaching, nor any knowledge of recent requests for online teaching. **Anticipate your request if you need one authorization in the future.**

Note that this rule is going to change in the next EMJM call.

Induction week 2023

AMB members:

- Arrive in Saint-Etienne by Tuesday 29/08 in the evening
- Wednesday 30/08: 8:00-16:00 M2 thesis defences; 16:00-18:00 Jury+AMB
- Thursday 31/08: 8:30-12:00 M1 defences; 14:00-16:00 Appeals Jury+AMB
- Thursday 31/08: 16:00-18:00 Joint AMB/QAB
- Friday 01/09 8:30-10:30 AMB presents PSRS to new cohort; 11:00-14:00 graduation & cocktail

For Students:

M1 & M2 students present for defences and graduation

Incoming 2023-2025 students:

- Arrival in Saint-Etienne by 27/08
- Monday 28/08 9:00-12:00 Campus visit, official welcome with international office and the city; 13:30-15:00 Visit graduate school and H Curien Lab
- Tuesday 29/08 9:00-12:00 *optional Data science for gaming conference*; 13:30-16:30 Discover St-Etienne scavenger hunt
- Wednesday 30/08: 9:00-11:00 Welcome desk administrative help; *11:00-16:00 optional see some M2 defences*
- Thursday 31/08: 16:00-17:30 Meet with QAB & student representatives
- Friday 01/09 8:30-10:30 AMB presents PSRS to new cohort; 11:00-14:00 graduation

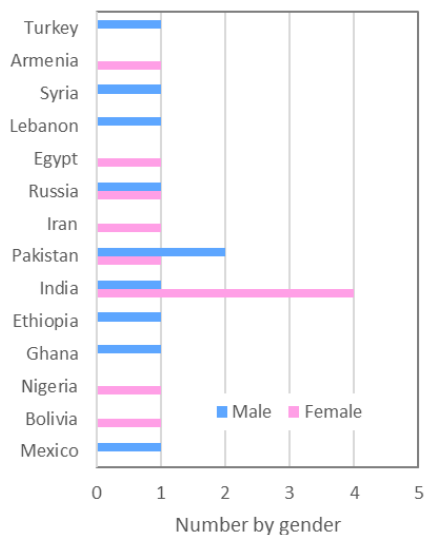
Industrial days 2023-2024

UEF Industrial days events on :

- Each Monday from Oct 23rd 1-3 pm
- Each Wednesday from Oct 25th 9-11 am
- Each Thursday from Oct 26th 11 am to 1 pm

Agreement to set PSRS Industrial days events at these times.

New 2023-2025 Intake



21 candidates, ranking 2 to 30 in initial classification

17 Partner ERMJMD, 2 Programme EMJMD, 2 self-funded

11 women, 10 men; ages 20 to 31 (mean 24 years old)

Asia 43%, Near-East 24%, Sub-Saharan Africa 14%, Russian Federation 10% & South American 10%

Tracks :

- POLITO: 6
- UPEC: 6
- UJM : 9 (7 EMJMD scholarship + 2 self-funded)

Scholars update

Reminder: Obligations and procedures => Doing scholars is an EACEA obligation.

- This obligation is specified in the Consortium agreement, Art. VI.11 “Scholars” (p.20): obligation to invite at least 4 outside scholars for a total at least 8 weeks i.e.: 56 days per intake (days include travel days).
- Full partners have agreed to share equally the responsibility for inviting scholars (see Art V. 2.2 Specific expenditures (p.17) ; Full partner funding is based on each partner covering = 25% of teaching costs
- For a scholar invitation to count officially in PSRS, there must be a Scholar agreement **signed with UJM** and the scholar must deliver a **scholar report** following his or her intervention.

Scholar activity for current intakes

Full-Partner	POLITO	UEF	UJM	UPEC	TOTAL
Days intake 2	4	3	57	0	64
Days intake 3	0	26	71	0	97

Discussion of problems contracting scholars:

We can easily find guest speakers, it is the paperwork that causes problems. The administrative process is too long and unnecessarily complicated.

The format of the PSRS Scholar agreement is a problem. It is a fairly long legal document that scares some partners, particularly business partners who are not sure they can sign it or who do not want to take the risk of signing it without having it checked.

COIL PROJECT

For this year 2023-2024

UJM and UPEC can arrange to apply the COIL approach for S3 in 2023-2024. For POLITO there is the problem of finding which course to give a project grade in, as there is no designated project module. Perhaps it is possible to add additional credits with a grade, but this has to be checked first.

During Induction week, we should plan to set aside 1-2 hrs to visit lab gear and discuss possible subjects for the project work.

In PSRS 2

- Need to finalize new curriculum for PSRS2 > the curriculum will change at UPEC in 2 years, but we need to know this summer, to communicate ahead of time !!!
- Using a DU to select a local list of courses from a wide list of possible Master courses that are part of the National degree can be considered.

Joint diplomas

INFO : French regulations have changed so that we can now deliver a joint diploma, with 2 constraints

- Must correspond to a national degree in the concerned countries
- Partners must agree

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