

# PSRS AMB Meeting

04/09/2024 and 05/09/2024-On Site at  
Université Jean Monnet (St Etienne-Fr)

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## AGENDA :

### AMB on 04/09/2024

#### 1. 2022-2024 intake jury

Despite some problems, and the fact that some Master thesis didn't reach the expected level, all 16 students still enrolled successfully completed their Master's degree. 4 Students graduated with an overall grade of A.

#### 2. Final PSRS report for the EACEA

The PSRS program has reached the end of its validation period. It is time to submit the final report to the Eacea. We are working on it to submit it in 2025.

Then, the new iPSRS programme is presented online to QAB, AMB members and associate partners.

### AMB on 05/09/2024

#### 3. 2023-2025 intake defense jury

14 students out of 21 took a summer internship. 2 of them decided not to write a report and not to defend their work. The Student Agreement and Internship Agreement will be updated to detail the rules applicable to the Summer Internship.

#### 4. New Project Coordinator

iPSRS has decided to hire a new project officer. There are 3 applicants so far.

The main objectives are to attract at least 8 self funded /year, promote the iPSRS programme, Seek additional funding opportunities from private partners, manage iPSRS communication and assist the Consortium coordinator with Project management.

## [5. First iPSRS cohort, latest news](#)

\*Number : 10 students enrolled at UJM, over the 17 selected in march 2024. There is a good balance between men and women.

1 Student from Syria could'nt get a visa and finally didn't join the program. The AMB offers the possibility for her to keep the grade obtained in the 2024-26 selection, and join the edition 2025-27 ; or to apply again and try to improve the selection grade.

\* Origins : The 1st cohort of iPSRS finally counts 9 students with : 3 Egyptians, 2 Nigerians, 1 Mexican, 1 Pakistani, 1 Turk, 1 from the USA.

\* Final selection grades : mean score 3.97, range from 4.64 to 3.67- 4 candidates above 4.0.

\* Scholarships : The highest ranked candidate(Mexican) is granted an EMJM scholarship (1400/month\*24 months)- 8 Consortium Scholarship are granted to the other students (1000 €/month\*22 months)

\* Concentration tracks : 6 at UJM, 2 at UPEC and 1 At VU

## [6. Joint Diploma](#)

iPSRS is willing to implement a Joint Diploma.

It is Important to facilitate job search for students in industry.

Mathilde Labregère, Head of International Relations at UJM, explains the 2 options for the signature process for a joint diploma : Either UJM is proposed as the Joint Diploma delivering institution through delegation of signature or a physical signature process is organized.

There are 2 options for the adoption of a delegated power of signature : either each partner sends signature page to UJM, or each partner authorize UJM's President/ Rector to sign on their behalf.

The AMB will the try to find a solution for the signature process. It is necessary to contact every legal office of each university full partner.

## [7. Partnership agreement](#)

The signature of the partnership agreement is ongoing. It will be updated according to the Grant Agreement to be signed soon, and signed by the full partners.

## [8. Usage of AI](#)

The PSRS/ iPSRS AMB decides to implement a AI policy within the PSRS and iPSRS programme.

This aim at framing the best way to use AI to avoid problems like plagiarism and make sure that students learn and master new skills and knowledge during the programme.

The Consortium will Provide a document containing rules on how use AI within the PSRS/iPSRS Programme.

The course of « scientific methodology » will contain explanations of a good use of AI.

The AMB agrees to make some change in the student agreement by adding rule about the use of AI.

## [9. Internship agreement at UEF](#)

The AMB decides to make additions to the summer internship agreement regarding the student's obligations. The summer internship remains optional but, once a student decides to do an internship, he/she is obligated to complete all the expected work (including report and defense).

Also, the AMB decides to maintain the 5 Ects for the summer internship, even if it is less than 3 months long, as long as it is long enough so the student can learn something.

## [10. Student agreements](#)

There is 8 out of 9 confirmed students for iPSRS.

The iPSRS Student agreements will be signed as soon as the addition decided by the today's AMB is written down.

The AMB also decides to update the student agreement for the last PSRS 4th cohort.

## [Joint AMB QAB](#)

With : Fabrizio Giorgis ( PoliTO) ,Dovydas Banevičius (VU), Maria Freire (EUT, Pietro Mandracci (PoliTO), Régis Fournier (UJM),Alain Trémeau (UJM), Marwan Abdou Ahmed (University of Stuttgart),Pasi Vahimaa (UEF).

1 . Student evaluation of the courses -2d semester of the 4th cohort : results outstanding, the results are high for almost of the courses (higher than 4 over5). Discussion about the possibility to have a new questionnaire, reviewing the number of questions. The QAB will provide the new questionnaire soon for iPSRS- The Old one will be used for current PSRS.

2.Selection of the iPSRS new cohort : 2 appeals -rejected .

3. There will be new guidelines for the starting work of the iPSRS QAB.

The goal is to keep the good work, check and maintain quality of master standards.

A question is raised : Student Agreement should integrate a rule about AI for all the work of the students and not only the thesis.

This is a point discussed during the AMB. There will be a new statement signed by student and a sheet of « good use », some recommendation on how students have to be careful by using AI, pay attention to the prompts to make sure how the student worked.

Alain Trémeau underlines that he already updated his course on the matter to match with new requirement on the use of AI.

Nathalie Destouches goes on with the summer internship : 2 students of the 4th cohort did it but then didn't write a report and decided not to defend but don't want an F. So the Student agreement will be updated to compell the students to achieve all the work expected during the summer internship.

Then, Nathalie Destouches sums up the meeting with DRI : creation of a joint diploma, the difficulties that may arise ; but there is a will to do it. Once the partnership agreement is signed, we will be able to prepare the join diploma and show it to the partners : then, try to figure out the signature process.

Scholarship : the iPSRS programme aims at enrol 8 self funded students . To do so, the Consortium will try to provide other scholarships like Erasmus+ Scholarships for mobility and maybe try to get some funds from [MAUPERTUIS](#).

#### [11. Grant agreement with EU](#)

Process of signature is ongoing.

#### [12. iPSRS website](#)

The PSRS website has to be updated.

Maybe the website will be redesigned and shaped in a more attractive way for the future.

#### [13. iPSRS Industrial workshop](#)

A full week is planned now instead of industrial days at UJM.

It will take place from Monday 28 Oct until thursday 31 oct.

#### [14. iPSRS research day](#)

The PSRS Research Day is organized for the M1 students and consists in the visit of “Laboratoire Hubert Curien”. It will take place in september or October.

#### [15. Invited scholars](#)

Invited lecturers for cohorts 3 and 4

- Cohort 3 (2022-24): 106 days has been filled.

- Cohort 4 (2023-25): 48 days has been filled so far- 8 days are to be planned to reach the 56 requested.

The Industrial Workshop scheduled in October plans to invite Guillaume Basset (CSEM) Peter Wiecha ( LAAS-CNRS), Rizwan Ahmed Kahn ( Salim Habib University-Pakistan) and other guests. The goal of 56 days should be reached.

On the new EMJM version, the obligation of 56 days of invited scholars no longer applies but all EMJMs programmes are expected to invite scholars. So PSRS and iPSRS will continue to invite guest lecturers, industrial-research partners to participate in teaching and training activities.

#### [16. Book the dates](#)

-October: advertisement of the Call for application opening

-November to January: open days (dates to be fixed).

Application and selection process for 2025-2027

- Open from mid October 2024 to February 7<sup>th</sup> 2025.
- Two rounds of assessments (from February 6<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> and from February 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>)
- Notification to all students of their presence or not on the short-list from February 7<sup>th</sup> to march 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Applicant Interviews from march 5<sup>th</sup> to march 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Selection committee on March 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> (at VU to be confirmed)
- March 22<sup>nd</sup>: Notification of results - Publication of an anonymized list of the selected applicants on our Website.
- April 15<sup>th</sup>: Deadline for encoding data on the EMT

-The next induction week will take place at UJM (St- Etienne – Fr) from September 1<sup>st</sup> to September 5<sup>th</sup> 2025 with mostly a similar agenda than the previous induction week.

### 17. Result of appels

The appeal Committee of the PSRS/iPSRS QAB received 2 appeals following the selection process this year

- One was not admitted by the selection committee in 2024, due to the poor relevance of his answers to questions during the interview stage of selection. He submitted an appeal and jointed a new CV with it. The appeal committee, which could not consider the new elements as they were not in the initial application, has maintained the decision to not admit the candidate to the programme, given his performance during his interview.
- Another Student filed an appeal after being rejected with an average grade of 3.35 after two evaluations. The Appeal committee has upheld the decision to not admit the applicant to the programme, as he has virtual no training or experience in photonics.

### 18. Open questions

The AMB discussed the possibility to change the application website. An option could be to ask for a video instead of a motivation letter. A decision will be made during the academic year.