In keeping with the “culture for democracy” credo of its founder Louis Malassis, Agropolis International contributes to fostering dialogue between scientific communities and development stakeholders, particularly civil society, to enhance negotiation and political, social and individual decision-making.

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AGROPOLIS INTERNATIONAL IS AN INNOVATIVE PLATFORM FOR DIALOGUE AND CONSTRUCTIVE MULTISTAKEHOLDER INTERACTION.

It brings together over 40 member institutions, public authorities and civil society actors. Its core strength lies in its particularly diverse regional scientific base that is internationally recognized for its agriculture, food and environment research, including a specific focus on issues in the Global South.

ITS MISSIONS

- **Facilitate Exchange** within scientific communities
- **Foster** science-society dialogue
- **Support** public policy

ITS SCOPE OF SERVICES

The association offers a range of services to support its members and partners in their individual or collective projects:

- **Facilitation** of working groups to produce analyses, studies, etc.
- **Events** workshops, conferences, seminars, training courses, etc.
- **Project Engineering** setup, coordination and management
- **Publishing** design and production of documents for different audiences
- **Communication** information exchange and events promotion
- **Visits** welcoming visitors, delegations and groups
- **Executive Support** secretarial, administrative and financial management of interinstitutional initiatives

EVENT HOSTING

Located on the Agropolis campus in Montpellier, the premises of the association include meeting and conference rooms (holding 10 to 200 people) with state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment, allowing to host national and international meetings and events year round.

A DEDICATED TEAM

Flexible and responsive, Agropolis International is backed by an operational team of some 15 professionals with complementary expertise.
Since its creation in 1986, Agropolis International has been promoting and supporting collective initiatives, such as:

**Facilitate exchange**

- Facilitation of professional groups: on scientific and technical information, on European funding, on hosting of foreign scientists and students...
- Organisation of international scientific conferences with hundreds to thousands of participants: Global Food Security 2020, Evolution 2018, Conservation Biology 2015...
- Management of collaborative projects: European projects, French National Research Agency foresight workshops on the Mediterranean...
- Publication of 25 Dossiers d’Agropolis International thematic reports
- Hosting ‘Laboratories without walls’ of foreign scientific organisations to facilitate collaboration with local, national and European teams: EMBRAPA (Brazil) since 2002, INTA (Argentina) since 2012, Putra Malaysia University (Malaysia) since 2016...

**Foster science-society dialogue**

- Coordination of stakeholder communities for the creation in Montpellier of a ‘third place’ on sustainable food systems
- Organisation of multistakeholder and public events: Assises territoriales de la transition agroécologique et de l’alimentation durable in 2019, Rencontres légumineuses Grand- Sud in 2016, conferences-debates, roundtables, forum-theatre, workshops...
- Group hosting for laboratory visits, meetings with researchers and training sessions for schools, civil society representatives, professionals, decision makers, agreement with the Institute of Advanced Studies for Science and Technology (IHEST)...

**Support public policy**

- Coordination and participation in economic and social development projects: innovation support, capacity building in the framework of European or regional international cooperation policies...
- Secretariat of facilitation bodies between scientific organisations and ministries: Commission for International Agricultural Research (CRAI) and French Scientific Committee on Desertification (CSFD)
- Publishing of 14 thematic files of the French Scientific Committee on Desertification (CSFD), an advisory body for decision makers
Agropolis International is nurtured by a remarkable regional academic ecosystem in the fields of agriculture, food, biodiversity and the environment:

**To Develop** knowledge on:

- Continental, marine and coastal ecosystems
- Genetic diversity and adaptation mechanisms of plants, animals and microorganisms
- Biology and ecology of interspecies interactions on different scales
- Agronomy, livestock and crop production and agroecology
- Foods, food consumption and nutrition
- Process engineering, biotechnology, mathematical and numerical modelling
- Natural resources management and territorial governance

**Over 4,000 permanent scientists** and 1,500 PhD students are hosted yearly in 90 interinstitutional laboratories based in Occitanie region.

**To Question**, inform and address social challenges, such as:

- How can food and nutrition security be achieved from local to international scales in different parts of the world in a context of global change?
- How can we move towards food systems that are healthy and socially equitable – from production to consumption – and which do not compromise future production capacity?
- How can natural resources, ecosystems and territories be managed in a more sustainable way while preventing risks to human populations and the environment?
- How can we better take into account the connections between humans, domestic and wild animals, plants, ecosystems and the planet as regards health?

**And to Train** new generations and professionals, with 7 universities and 10 higher education organisations located in the area.
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FRENCH RESEARCH AND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTES

- AgroParisTech
- CEA Marcoule
- CIRAD
- ESCAIA
- INRAE
- Institut Agro / Montpellier SupAgro
- IRD
- ISTOM
- Lycée Frédéric Bazille - Agropolis
- Montpellier Business School
- Université de Montpellier
- Université Paul-Valéry Montpellier 3
- Université de Nîmes
- Université de Perpignan

FOREIGN AND INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING ORGANISATIONS

- Bioversity International (international organisation)
- CGIAR System management office (international organisation)
- CIHEAM/IAM.M (international organisation)
- CSIRO (Australia)
- Embrapa (Brazil)
- ICRA (international organisation)
- Inta (Argentina)
- Université Putra Malaysia (Malaysia)
- USDA (USA)

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL, ECONOMIC AND TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATIONS

- AD’OCC
- Agri Sud-Ouest Innovation
- AREA Occitanie
- BRL
- CCI de l’Hérault
- Chambre d’Agriculture Occitanie
- COOP de France Occitanie
- Crédit Agricole du Languedoc
- FREDON Occitanie
- ITK
- Office français de la biodiversité

CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS

- Cade
- CARI
- Les amis d’Agropolis
- Occitanie Coopération
- Racines Sud

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

- Région Occitanie / Pyrénées-Méditerranée
- Conseil départemental de l’Hérault
- Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole
- Ville de Montpellier

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