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Prof. Wolfram BERGER, new Academic and Research Director

Today’s world challenges us to find effective solutions to diverse and complex pressing problems. ICN has always strived to address urgent real-world problems and reach beyond the scientific community with its research. Our aim is to inform societal debate, be an innovative partner for the corporate sector and inform public policy. The basis for this is, of course, first-class academic research. 2020 was another year of outstanding research achievements for our school in this respect. It is always difficult to express innovative academic research achievements in quantitative indicators. But I would nevertheless like to cite some figures to illustrate the impressive academic achievements of our researchers. Using the prestigious CNRS journal quality ranking as benchmark, our researchers have produced 101 CNRS “stars” in 2020, the highest value ever for the school. It’s particularly noteworthy that this number has doubled within only two years, testament to the fact that our academic quality has reached the next level. At the same time, the number of published case studies reached its highest value since 2015. Many other achievements in 2020 contributed to the growing international recognition of the school as a place of research excellence as well. The RIPCO, the academic journal hosted and edited at ICN, is a case in point. In 2020 the RIPCO was included in the CNRS list of high-quality journals in business and economics. At the same time, our reputation as an institution where the traditional boundaries of knowledge are challenged continuously is growing. Our positioning as a transdisciplinary research community is exemplified by our UNESCO chair. Conceived as a bridge between academia, civil society, local communities, research and policy-making to implement global sustainable development goals, it generates an increasingly rich portfolio of research activities through the integration of management, natural and social sciences and the arts and humanities.

2020 was also the year of an important institutional innovation. We created the Corporate Lab, a new initiative to foster impactful research for business and society. The Corporate Lab is the in-house center for tailored and transformative business solutions. It strengthens the school’s engagement with the corporate sector and, building on our faculty’s core areas of research expertise, will deliver directly applicable, innovative solutions for business problems.

Last but not least, 2020 was also the year the Covid pandemic unfolded. Huge efforts have been made by faculty and staff to ensure that our students continue to benefit from the high quality education they chose the school for. The pandemic impacted research just as well. Research work had to be postponed or suspended, projects adapted, new ways of collaboration and communication established - and all this against the background of a situation of pervasive uncertainty and radical changes in our personal and professional lives.

Finally, the year 2020 was a year of change for the management of research at the school. I took up the position as Associate Dean Faculty & Research in April, having worked in Germany, England and also France before. The school’s Deputy Director of Research, Sybille PERSSON, retired in October. The position of Deputy Director of Research is of great importance for the academic community of the school. The Deputy Director of Research acts as an advisor and mentor to our faculty, represents our faculty and promotes our research, and provides leadership for the strategic development of the school’s research activities. As the first postholder, Sybille has shaped this function and set standards. The whole school owes her a great debt of gratitude. I am very happy that Sybille remains part of our academic community as Affiliate Research Professor after her retirement.

Klaus-Peter SCHULZ, Professor of Strategy and Innovation, has since taken up the baton as Deputy Director of Research. Klaus-Peter is one of our most recognised researchers, whose research expertise offers a perfect fit with the school’s Artem profile. Developing this unique profile further will be one of the priorities in his new position.

Outstanding achievements from all our departments await you on the following pages. The review of a complete year demonstrates very impressively the breadth and depth of our academic work, its excellence and the impressive upward trajectory of our research quality. Of course, the Yearbook can just give you a glimpse of our research activities. Nevertheless, I trust you will find the Yearbook informative and a stimulating read.

Philippe MAIRESSE, new manager of UNESCO Chair Art, Science and Sustainable Development Goals

Philippe Mairesse was recruited by ICN in September 2020, after two years as an affiliated research professor. During his affiliation period he worked closely with our previous Research Director, Sybille Persson, and with other ICN researchers, which led him to involve ICN in national and international research projects.

He holds a double doctorate, both a PhD in Humanization of Organizations from Utrecht
Trained as an engineer with a career as an artist, and having become a researcher in organisational theory by necessity, I have a typical Artem profile, which led me straight here. I couldn’t have wished for anything better than this mission as the new head of the Unesco ICN Chair «Art and science for the sustainable development goals», under the supervision of its holder Paul Shrivastava, after the work accomplished by Sybille Persson. We can be proud of our research and the Chair, which both have a major and unique role to play, both in the local ecosystem, in the global UNITWIN network of Unesco Chairs, and in the French and international network of management research and teaching. There are currently 893 Unesco Chairs in the world. ICN is the only business school among the five higher education institutions in management to have received such a distinction, which recognises its long-standing commitment to responsible research and teaching. We all know we need a change of mentality, oriented towards inclusion and based on the recognition of difference and borders as territories to explore. New models of collaboration and transdisciplinary partnerships are expected, which collectively address complexity in a sustainable way, and co-produce participatory knowledge and root actions taking into account diversity. In this perspective of maturing towards sustainable change, I believe it is urgent to focus on the integration of the imaginary, symbolic and aesthetic dimensions in functional rationalities, in order to enrich the processes of decision and action. In order to ensure that the Chair has an impact on our ecosystem, I will strive at developing collaborations and partnerships, and applying research to the transformation of our social and productive environment. In this way, we will take our place in a promising and yet unexplored stream of research and action, where art is a form of knowledge and transformation, complementary to the classical sciences. Three centuries ago, Giambattista Vico, a solitary pioneer of modern aesthetics and social sciences, coined the notion of «poetic logic» as Scienza Nuova, a cornerstone for the elaboration of whole systems of collective knowledge. I would like to encourage us all to become ... poets."
Bruno PECCHIOLI has been Head of the academic department Finance, Audit, Accounting, Control since January 2020. He mainly teaches Financial Risks Management and Management Control. His current research interests focus on the valuation of alternative investments and the financial markets reactions to specific events such industrial accidents.

Sabrine MALLEK is attached to the DAP information system and supply chain management and teaches on the Nancy campus (Sept. 1, 2020). She holds a PhD in management informatics from the University of Tunis and a PhD in computer engineering from the University of Artois. Her doctoral research work in artificial intelligence and data research focuses on the analysis of social networks. She was head of the HRIS department in the energy sector and a Business Intelligence consultant in Luxembourg. She is a member of the editorial board of several journals and the program committee of international conferences.

Burçin GÜÇLÜ teaches on the Berlin campus, she is attached to the DAP marketing department (September 1, 2020). She holds a PhD in Management from the IESE Business School of the University of Navarra. As part of his research she is working on the applications of Big Data in the sharing of economic enterprises and the sports industry. She has held research and teaching positions at EADA Business School, Toulouse Business School, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (ESCI) and Universitat Internacional de Catalunya.

Philip KITCHEN moved from Research Affiliate Professor to permanent professor attached to the Marketing Department (April 1, 2020). Previously, Dean of the Faculty of Business and Tenured Professor of Marketing, Brock University, Toronto, Canada and founding Professor of Strategic Marketing at Hull University Business School, UK. He is the Founder and Editor of the Journal of Marketing Communications (Routledge).

His teaching and research interests lie in integrated marketing communications, corporate communications, promotion management, and marketing management, with a growing interest in marketing theory.

Philippe MAIRESSE moved from Research Affiliate Professor to permanent professor attached to the Human Resources and Organizational Behavior Department (September 1, 2020).

Stephan SONNENBURG has been teaching on the Berlin campus since September 09, 2020. He has held executive positions in academia, including as Dean and Director of Curriculum at Karlshochschule International University, and in industry as Director of Brand Planning at Select World and Senior Brand Planner at BBDO. His market experience includes Germany, Switzerland, Norway, the Netherlands and the United States.

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In line of last years, the quantity of intellectual contributions produced by ICN Faculty increased further in 2020, with a high level of quality: 65 articles in peer-reviewed journals (+30% compared to 2019) including 52 in ranked journals (+18%) and 101 CNRS “éttoiles” (+12%).

This year, the number of research and practical case studies publication widely increased compared to 2019 (13 vs 6); two of these were finalist of the AFM award 2020.

During the lockdown, the professors have adapted to the health crisis context participating in online conferences, webinars... They also made a special effort to popularize their research with communications intended to a wide audience.
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https://www.ccmp.fr/collection-icn-business-school/cas-ashley-madison-marketing-infidelity

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BENETTI, C., N. NIGAM, S. MBAREK, «Can women empowerment enforce ethical behavior from intimate partners? A case of urban and rural India», 2020, Online.


CLERC-GIRARD, M.-F., S. NOWAKOWSKI, «L’invasion pédagogique ou comment créer un dispositif pédagogique convivial entre une Ecole de commerce et une entreprise» in Association Internationale de pédagogie universitaire (AIPU), Université de Laval, 2020, Québec, Canada. Accepted, conference postponed.

DAGORN, N., «Cybersecurity of industrial systems: a misunderstood field of growing importance (extended abstract)» in 3rd ARTEM Organizational Creativity and Sustainability International Conference (ARTEMOCC), 2020, Chemnitz, Germany. Accepted, conference postponed.

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DAGORN, N., «The impact of artificial intelligence on the labour market: perception vs. usage in French companies (extended abstract)» in 3rd ARTEM Organizational Creativity and Sustainability International Conference (ARTEMOCC), 2020, Chemnitz, Germany. Accepted, conference postponed.

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DAGORN, N., «What place for Man in industry 4.0? (extended abstract)» in 3rd ARTEM Organizational Creativity and Sustainability International Conference (ARTEMOCC), 2020, Chemnitz, Germany. Accepted, conference postponed.

DAGORN, N., R. GUIMARAES, T. HOUE, «Digitalisation of supply chains: new practices to face new challenges (extended abstract)» in 3rd ARTEM Organizational Creativity and Sustainability International Conference (ARTEMOCC), 2020, Chemnitz, Germany. Accepted, conference postponed.


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HOUE, T., E. MURPHY, «A diversity of supply chain networks influencing logistics innovation: toward a proximity-based typology» in EURAM 2020, December 2020, online conference supported by Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland.


NIGAM, N., A. BOUGHAMIMI, S. MBAREK, «Betting on the horse or the jockey? The signals for venture capital financing of healthcare startups from India» in World Finance Conference, Malta, 2020, Online.

OUATTARA, K., S., Y. WANG, «Responsabilité sociale des entreprises et présence d’investisseurs étrangers dans un oligopole mixte», 2020, Ottawa, Canada.

ROME, A., S., A. LAMBERT, «For better or for worse? The technological mediation of intimate relationships» in Consumer Culture Theory Conference, 2020, Leicester, Great Britain.


ROME, A., S., J. S. TILLOTSON, «In the Zone:’ (Re)productions of space through digital self-representation» in Consumer Culture Theory Conference, 2020, Leicester, Great Britain

THIERY, S., D. FASS, «Cybersecurity risks and situational awareness: Which skills and human factors are relevant at board level analysis?» in 11th International Conference on Applied Human Factors and Ergonomics (AHFE), July 2020, San Diego, United States of America.


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Presentations in research seminars


PERSSON, S., «Pourquoi lire François Jullien (et mobiliser les concepts novateurs qu’il propose) quand on est un chercheur en sciences de gestion ?», CEREFIGE Axe ORH, Université de Lorraine, 2020, Nancy, France.
During the lockdown, the professors popularized their research with communications intended to a wide audience.

« Avec le télétravail, le vêtement part-il en vrille ? »
On December 10, 2020 Agnès CECCARELLI was interviewed by Madame Figaro.

« Le port du masque en entreprise nuit-il vraiment à notre efficacité au travail ? »
(The conversation, August 31, 2020)
Agnès CECCARELLI’s article deals with the way in which each of us is now led to communicate, to exchange with others. In many sectors of activity, including our own, exchange is at the heart of everyone’s job. Therefore, how can we transmit a message, how can we receive it with a face that is 80% hidden? Impossible challenge? The paper tends to nuance the deleterious effects of the mask in interpersonal communication, to propose from a pragmatic angle ways to enter and remain in contact with the other.

United States presidential election analysis by Alesandre MELNIK

« Ce n’est pas parce que vous êtes en confinement qu’il faut travailler en pyjama »
(Agnès CECCARELLI, April 07, 2020)
At a time of lockdown imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic, a professional practice unprecedented for many is developing: the teleworking. While the implementation of this new mode of operation is facilitated by new technologies, the fact remains that compartmentalizing personal and professional life remains one of the keys to remote working.

Alexandre MELNIK wrote a column on Major Prepa throughout the presidential campaign. He also analyzed the victory of Joe Biden for The conversation (December 06, 2020) and Le Journal du Dimanche (December 07, 2020).
https://theconversation.com/la-victoire-de-joe-biden-vue-de-moscou-151049
https://www.lejdd.fr/International/comment-la-russie-de-vladimir-poutine-se-prepare-a-larriere-de-joe-biden-au-pouvoir-4010595
Jean-François STICH speaks on France 3 about homeworking
At a time when homeworking has emerged as the only way to limit the spread of Covid-19, what are the advantages and disadvantages? What are its positive or negative effects for employees and companies?
On 8 November 2020, Jean-François STICH was invited by France 3 Grand-Est to discuss this social issue with Julien PIECHOWSKI, Managing Director of ATMO Grand-Est and Paul CLOUZET, creator of the YouTube channel P.A.U.L.
https://jfstit.com/fr3ge-teletravail

Jean-François STICH and Philippe MAIRESE introduce us to an extraordinary character, a «Web Robinson» who has gone to a desert island for 40 days and then 40 days in the desert to try to ensure a professional activity, totally cut off from the world and in survival mode. This experience feeds into Jean-François and Philippe's research on telework in isolation.

«Coronavirus : faute de choix, il nous faut naviguer en eaux troubles» (Florence LEGROS, September 23, 2020)
Since the start of the crisis, the members of the government are fighting relentlessly against the coronavirus epidemic. However, inconsistencies seem to multiply... Florence LEGROS delivers her analysis to Planet.

Sybille PERSSON interviewed by Républicain Lorrain on September 29 2020
ICN and the East Moselle Employers' Group (GEME) have signed a partnership agreement that translates into a research contract on well-being and benevolence at work. At a time when the figures of stress at work are more and more worrying in terms of cost for the companies and the disengagement of the employees, it is important to open research paths co-constructed on and with the field.
The entire approach is part of the UNESCO chair, hosted by ICN, whose aim is to put the arts and sciences at the service of sustainable development objectives.

«Chine et Occident : deux visions opposées de la 'guerre' contre le coronavirus»
Sybille PERSSON invites us to think and look differently, to act without acting, to understand why and how Western and Chinese thoughts differ. Enter the world of Chinese thought through the article and video proposed in The conversation (March 24, 2020) and Xerfi Canal.
https://theconversation.com/chine-et-occident-deux-visions-opposees-de-la-guerre-contre-le-coronavirus-134433
Giuseppe CATENAZZO presented a survey concerning the 2020 summer holidays as seen by the inhabitants of the Lake Geneva region. More than 200 Genevans (and inhabitants of the French municipalities surrounding the Canton), Vaudois and Valaisans aged 20 to 84 (average of 40 years) participated in an online survey between May 18 and 26, 2020.


In the context of lockdown, the consent of employees about teleworking has not questioned, their acceptance seems acquired. Some employees may then have perceived an unusual form of pressure, an increase in the workload or the frequency of meetings. HR departments should be particularly vigilant to this risk of harassment, which may be new and which was not anticipated.

http://www.aimil.org/2020/06/11/teletravail-anticiper-les-risques-de-harcelement-managerial/

Christophe STALLA-BOURDILLON spokes about Conspiracy Theories

On April 16, 2020 Christophe STALLA-BOURDILLON was the guest speaker of the webinar «Conspiracy: Issues and Truths» organized by Digimind in partnership with SCIP and ICN. Conspiracy theories propose to give a vision of history as the product of the action of an occult group acting in the shadows. A theoretical narrative that claims to be coherent, this theme has never been so topical today, closely linked to the question of terrorism and the counter-discourse conveyed by these «ideologies».

«40 jours de télétravail coupé du monde» (The conversation, March 19)
Professional articles


DAGORN, N., «Le smartphone, un espion dans notre poche ?», The conversation, 02 March 2020.

HAWKINS, M., M. BIGA DIAMBEDOU, S. JACOB LEAL, "Who Do You Think You are? An Experimental Study on Shared Identity and Team Performance", SSRN, February 2020.
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5 | OTHER PROFESSIONAL ARTICLES & CONFERENCES, MAGAZINES & INTERVIEWS

Interviews

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Theses & ACR (HDR) obtained by ICN Faculty members

**Clarice BERTIN**, permanent professor in the Strategy and Entrepreneurship Department, successfully defended her doctoral thesis in Management Sciences, specializing in innovation and entrepreneurship, on 23 November 2020.

Her thesis, carried out at the University of Strasbourg within the BETA laboratory, was on «Driving factors for symbiotic collaborations between startups and large firms in open innovation ecosystems».

**Nuno GUIMARÃES DA COSTA** received his Authorization to Conduct Research.

He defended, under the direction of Géraldine SCHMIDT, his dissertation entitled «Towards more sustainable societies: Ethics and sustainability as foundations of an intended institutional change» on 3 November 2020 at the IAE Paris.

**Matthew HAWKINS** received his Authorization to Conduct Research.

He supported, under the supervision of Dominique Roux, his dissertation entitled "Consumer Identity Ingredients and the Consumer-Activity Relationship" on 15 December 2020 at the University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne.
ICN PhD theses in progress supervised by ICN faculty

Nadine AL KHATIB, Lebanon, “The fragmentation between theory and practice: Why business schools don’t internalize the theories they teach into practice”, Nuno GUIMARAES DA COSTA & Tamym ABDESSEMED.

Pascale BAAKLINI, Lebanon, “Diversité du genre dans le comité d’audit”, Stéphanie THIERY.

Patrick BEHAR-COURTOIS, France, “A comparative study of internal practices relative to the retention of experts in private organizations in China and France”, Nuno GUIMARAES DA COSTA.

Rajaee BOUZERDA, France, “Improving Customer Services Delivery thanks to Big Data”, Silvester IVANAJ.


Rajae BOUZERDA, France, “Improving Customer Services Delivery thanks to Big Data”, Silvester IVANAJ.


Stéphane GANGLOFF, France, “What leadership style should international companies implement in order to enhance synergy and creativity in international virtual group projects”, Nuno GUIMARAES DA COSTA & Kamel MNISRI.

Wassim HAMIEH, Lebanon, “Impact of CSR on brand loyalty”, Klaus-Peter SCHULZ.

Ulvick HOUSSOU, Benin, “Higher education and socio-economic development in the CAMES area: Entrepreneurial University, a new organizational model for university governance?”, Klaus-Peter SHULZ & Mahamadou BIGA DIAMBEIDOU.

Hicham ISMAIL FAWAZ, Lebanon, “Comparison between performance of Islamic microfinance and conventional microfinance; the cases of Pakistan and Lebanon”, Francesc RELANO.

Hui JI, China, “Three Essays on consumers’ behavior of luxury market in China”, Christophe RETHORE.


Hayian LIANG, China, “Three Essays on Management Accounting of Chinese Luxury Industry”, Stéphanie THIERY.

Xiaohui LIU, China, “Three Essays on Online Shopping Behavior in China”, Christophe RETHORE.

Rita MAHFOUZ, Lebanon, “The Impact of private equity firms on the business environment in the MENA region”, Nuno GUIMARAES DA COSTA & Stéphanie THIERY.

Steve ORDENER, France, “The benefits for a modern commercial department of a management style that includes emotional intelligence and kindness”, Sybille PERSSON.

Daniel Brou SABENIN, Ivory Coast, “Challenges in measuring the returns on social media marketing investments in developing countries: Case of Ivory Coast”, Matthew HAWKINS & Stéphanie THIERY.

Adam SEYMOUR, United States, “Apply the Open Innovation concept in healthcare Sector”, Klaus Peter SCHULZ.

Qian SHEN, China, “Three Essays on luxury market consumption in China”, Christophe RETHORE.

Qi Hui SHI, China, “Three Essays on the Relationship between Firm Diversification and Corporate Social Responsibilities: Chinese Evidence”, Olga IVANOVA RUFO & Stéphanie THIERY.

Anicet TCHIBOZO, Belgium, “Digital and Analytics approach for handling the relationships between human behaviors and performance management in Organizations”, Mahamadou BIGA DIAMBEIDOU & Placide POBA (UQAM).

Marion TELLECHEA, France, “Study of determining factors of an internal audit report production”, Stéphanie THIERY.

Yuan WAN, China, “How Chinese jewelry industry elevates its global status in the field of luxury branding management, international investment and finance innovation”, Maxime KOROMYSLOV.

Lijuan WANG, China, “Three Essays on China Faith-based Philanthropy”, Günter SCHUMACHER.
Doctoral theses in progress supervised by ICN faculty

Jonas TAREKEGNE (Germany), Universität Stuttgart, “Playfulness in innovation processes”, Klaus-Peter SCHULZ.

Dorothée ROBINOT-AFAKIR (France), Université de Lorraine, “Quels critères de durabilité pour apprécier la carrière des femmes cadres et dirigeantes ?”, Sybille PERSSON.

Carla VIDINHA (Portugal), Université de Lorraine, “Impact of social movements in corporations. An agenda building perspective”, Sybille PERSSON & David WASIELESKI.

Rana ZANTOUT (Lebanon), Université de Lorraine, “Organizational Energy and Performance: perspectives of a conceptual model and an empirical research”, David WASIELESKI & Olga IVANOVA RUFFO.

Doctoral theses & ACR supervised by ICN faculty and defended in 2020

Sanvi AVOUYI-DOVI was the thesis director of Tristan JOURDE from the Dauphine doctoral school who successfully defended his thesis on «the long-term evolution of equity market movements» on November 23 and obtained his doctoral degree.

Florence LEGROS supervised Stéphane HAMAYON, director of Harvest studies and member of the research advisory board ICN, who received his Authorization to Conduct Research on the Artem campus on 2020, February 20. His dissertation was entitled «Hybrid demoeconomic models with two classes of agents as tools for analysing the equilibrium of pension schemes».

Elisabeth PAULET and Edina EBERHARDT-TOTH supervised Junmei QI (China), a doctoral student at the University of Lorraine for 4 years. On 2020, December 1, she defended her thesis in Nancy entitled «Environmental management of bank loans granted to companies in Europe and China: three empirical investigations» and obtained her doctorate degree.

Wajdi TRABELSI & Nathalie SAUER supervised Zakaria CHEKOUBI (France), a doctoral student at the LGIPM. On 2020, December 16, he defended his thesis entitled «Problème intégré de dimensionnement de lots et de tournées de véhicules avec remanufacturing des produits en fin de vie» and obtained his doctorate degree.
The International Journal of Psychosociology and Management of Organisational Behaviour (RIPCO) enters the CNRS 4 classification.

As the first scientific journal exclusively dedicated to organizational behaviour, RIPCO has published thousands of articles in its 25 years of existence. Since 2018, its new editorial team led by Silvester IVANAJ has set itself the goal of reaching a high scientific level aiming at a ranking in the CNRS list. It is now done. The CNRS has published in June 2020 its new classification of journals in economics and management in which RIPCO is ranked 4.

In 2020, Didier FASS was appointed member of the evaluation committee of the program ASTRID.

ASTRID (Accompagnement Spécifique de travaux de recherches et d’innovation défense) is a project of the Agence Nationale de la Recherche / Agence de l’Innovation de Défense de la Direction générale de l’armement (DGA).


Workkindness, a humanistic and socially responsible management concept

“In what and how does benevolence serve the sustainable performance of an organization?” This is the question Steve ORDENER, a ICN PhD students supervised by Sybille PERSSON is working on.

This doctoral work aims to reconcile ethics and corporate strategy to promote a sustainable development of human resources connected to performance of organizations, all with respect for human dignity. Therefore, the thesis falls in framework of the UNESCO Chair «Art and Science for Sustainable Development Goals”

This intervention-research was designed with 10 companies from GEME (Groupement des entreprises de Moselle Est) participating in the project and contributing to its funding. As Project leader, Steve Ordener planes, coordinates and executes the Workkindness research project.

In the press:


Also in 2020

Two ICN case studies selected as finalists of AFM (Association Française du Marketing) Awards

Douniazed FILALI BOISSY was finalist of the AFM Award 2020 for the best practical case in marketing with «BAGP: When creativity and the ‘made in France’ make the difference» (co-written with Elodie JOUNY-RIVIER).

Rossella SORIO was finalist of the AFM Award 2020 for the best research case with “Le Petit Béret : du vin qui n’en est pas?” (co-written with Lydie BELAUD).

A significant involvement of ICN researchers within the CEREFIGE research laboratory (University of Lorraine)

Jean-François STICH as head of “Organizations and Human Resources (ORH) thematic team; Klaus Peter SCHULZ as head of “Sustainable Development and Creativity” priority scientific axe team;

Alejandra DUENAS & Yves HABRAN as head of “Health & Care” priority scientific axe team.
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