

Introduction to the Institute of Life, Earth and Environment

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What is ILEE?

- 1 of 11 research institutes at Unamur
- Overarching topic: Study the mechanisms of Life on Earth and the interactions with the Environment.
- Large variety of disciplines: Biology (52), Geology (12), Geography (9), Chemistry(3), Physics (7), History (7), Art History and Archeaology (2), Economics (1), Law (1).
- 95 researchers, with 21 academics
- 18 technical & administrative staff



Research topics

- **Evolution, Adaptation and Biodiversity**
(F. De Laender, V. Hallet, P. Kestemont, F. Silvestre, K. Van Doninck, J. Yans)
- **Pollution and Environmental Toxicology**
(F. De Laender, P. Kestemont, M. Lepère, J.-Y. Matroule, E. Pèrpete)
- **Characterization and Management of Natural Resources**
(F. De Laender, P. Kestemont, M. Piavaux, J. Yans)
- **Ecosystem services**
(N. Dendoncker)
- **Sustainable Plant and Animal Production**
(P. Kestemont, P. Van Cutsem)
- **Environmental Impacts on Human Populations**
(S. Henry, C. Linard)
- **Environmental History and Law**
(I. Parmentier, X. Thunis, D. Van Dam)
- **Environmental and Natural Resource Management in the South**
(V. Hallet, S. Henry, C. Linard, P. Kestemont, I. Parmentier, J. Yans)



General objectives

- A better understanding of the **fundamental biological processes** regulating life on earth
- The characterization of **anthropogenic pressures** on the environment, including historical and socio-economic aspects
- The search for **sustainable alternatives** to manage natural resources, reduce pollution, conserve and restore biodiversity



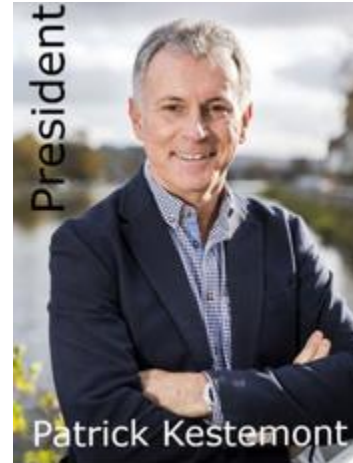
Operational objectives

- Activate **synergies** among the different faculties, departments and research units
- Promote **interdisciplinary** research
- Guarantee **long-term funding** for research
- Develop **postdoctoral** activities
- Organise a structured **communication** concerning activities of the institute
- Generate an open **dynamic**
- Create **awareness** for research among young people



Who rules the institute?

Elected steering committee:



Activities

- Already existing:
 - Newsletter every 2 months
 - Web site: <http://ilee.unamur.be/>
 - Email alerts for calls, videos, excursions, theses defences, etc.
- Plans:
 - Seminars on specific topics or techniques esp. for young researchers
 - Research day/conference intern/extern
 - Lunch-roulette
 - Financial support (travel funding, research material, applications,...)
 - Award for best master thesis
- Your ideas welcome! → Workshop today or online form later



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