



# press release

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## APPOINTMENT OF JOËLLE ALNOT TO HEAD THE OFIS

In accordance with the proposal made by the Research Integrity Council (CIS), President Michel Cosnard has appointed Joëlle Alnot as Head of the French Office for Research Integrity (OFIS). She took up her post on 16 April 2018.

Joëlle Alnot has a PhD in Psychology (1999) and an accreditation to direct research (2004). She specialises in resilience and, after working as a clinical psychologist from 1980 to 2000, is a Professor of Clinical and Pathological Psychology at the Université de Lorraine.

Joëlle has numerous teaching and scientific responsibilities at the university, including overseeing the bachelor's degree in psychology (2003-2006) and directing the INTERPSY research unit (2011-2018). Designated as an expert by Hcéres, she took part in the evaluation of four research units between 2013 and 2018.

Joëlle's career and scientific commitment have made her an expert in the field of research integrity. In particular, in her INTERPSY research unit she has implemented a policy that aims at guaranteeing research integrity in human and social sciences. In the design and running of interdisciplinary research projects<sup>1</sup>, she allocates a central role to the dialogue between science and society and to the principle of socially responsible research. Since 2016, she has offered a course at the Stanislas Doctoral School, open to all PhD students at the Université de Lorraine, on reflective practice and research integrity.

As head of the OFIS<sup>2</sup>, a department of Hcéres, Joëlle Alnot will contribute to drawing up the strategy in the field of research integrity. Her job will include overseeing the national observatory on implementation of the research integrity charter, collaborating in running the network of Research Integrity Officers in institutions, rolling out awareness programmes in the scientific community and contributing the research integrity aspects of standards for Hcéres evaluation departments and the production of their reports.

### WHAT IS HCÉRES?

The French High Council for Evaluation of Research and Higher Education (Hcéres) is the independent administrative body responsible for evaluating all institutions of higher education and research, as well as approving the evaluation procedures implemented by other organisations. Through its analyses, evaluations and recommendations, Hcéres accompanies, advises and supports the process of

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<sup>1</sup> 2013, PEPS "Persona" project focusing on societal issues related to nanotechnology; 2014, ARIANE programme in the State-Region Plan for 2015-2020

<sup>2</sup> See Hcéres press releases dated 20 March 2017 and 26 October 2017