Board Members

Founding Members College

Jean-Jacques ELEDJAM - President
Professor of Medicine
Anaesthetist at the University Hospital in Montpellier
President of the French Red Cross
President of the Board of Directors of the French Red Cross Foundation

As a Doctor of Medicine, university professor, and hospital practitioner specialised in anaesthesia and reanimation, Jean-Jacques Eledjam has dedicated his entire career to public hospitals.

Driven by the desire to serve others, and to dedicate himself to health, he began his career in hospitals following a nursing diploma obtained in 1969. Devoted to his region, he carried out all of his studies and his hospital and university career in Languedoc-Roussillon, rising to the very summit of the profession. He completed a thesis in Medicine in 1982 at the term of his time as a student in Internal Medicine of Montpellier hospitals. Successively Head of Clinic and Hospital practitioner in the department of Anaesthesiology and Reanimation at the University Hospital in Nîmes, he was named Professor in 1989.

At the University Hospital in Nîmes, he was particularly involved with the Establishment’s Medical Commission, which he presided over from 1995 to 1999. As head of the Anaesthesiology and Reanimation Department, he developed a significant activity of teaching and research. Upon joining the Montpellier Regional University Hospital Centre in 2001, he directed the department of Anaesthesiology and Reanimation at the Institute of Digestive Tract Diseases and coordinated the Management Board for Anaesthesiology and Reanimation of the Montpellier Regional University Hospital Centre until 2007. In 2008, he assumed responsibility for the university department of Emergency and Paramedical Care and became coordinator of the Emergency Unit, a role which he carried out until September 1st 2012.

Jean-Jacques Eledjam took on university responsibilities as part of a number of scientific organisations. He was particularly involved in the field of medical training. He was part of the French Hospital Federation and was named a member of the High Council on Public Health.
Naturally close to emergency, first-aid and social action, a strong engagement with the French Red Cross led him to preside over the regional delegation of Languedoc-Roussillon. In June 2011, he was elected National Administrator of the French Red Cross, as a representative of the volunteers’ network. On June 22nd 2013, he was elected National President of the French Red Cross by the Board of Directors.

Caroline CUSSAC - Treasurer

Graduate of the Paris ESLSCA Business School
Holder of the DECS diploma
Vice President of the French Red Cross
Treasurer of the French Red Cross Foundation

Caroline Cussac has always worked in fields related to management, be it accounting, auditing, or property asset management and follow-up work.

In parallel, as the mother of five children, she has long been involved in the voluntary sector, particularly through her engagement with the French Red Cross, which began in 1995. She followed a varied career path, beginning with the management of people under guardianship, as a guardian for the District Court, and subsequently in financial and human management for a number of delegations. She was treasurer of the local delegation in Lille, then of the Northern departmental delegation, before assuming the presidency and continuing her work in the North-West region.

She was elected administrator of the French Red Cross in 2009, as a representative of the volunteers’ network, during the presidency of Jean-François Mattei, and her mandate was renewed in June 2013. Her motto is: “the only wealth is Man”, and she seeks to potentialise this richness to the benefit of others.

Guillaume LESAGE - Secretary

Deputy Director-General of French Red Cross

After graduating in philosophy and political science in 2008, Guillaume Lesage began his career in the office of the President of the French Assemblée Nationale as a chargé de mission and then as an advisor in charge of local authorities and budgetary issues.

In 2011 he joined the research department of a major political organisation, first as head of the economic and social division and then as secretary general of the High Authority.

In 2015 he was appointed Director General of the organisation of the 2016 right-wing and centre primary elections. He joined the Red Cross at the end of 2017 as Chief of Staff to the President and was appointed Deputy Director General in October 2019.
Mireille GAUZERE
Inspector General of Social Affairs
National Administrator for the French Red Cross

Mireille Gaüzère is a graduate of Sciences Po Paris and the ESSEC Business School, as well as holding a DEA in History (Paris IV-Sorbonne). She is a former student of the National School of Administration (ENA) - Victor Hugo year group.

A senior official since 1991, Mireille Gaüzère is Inspector General of Social Affairs, and in this capacity she has carried out more than 50 evaluation checks and support missions in the areas of employment, vocational training, social protection and health.

As part of her work, she has fulfilled mainly operational responsibilities, namely in her capacity as Deputy Director of the modernisation of the ministries of social services (2000-2004), Assistant Director-General for social action (2004-2009), and Deputy Director of legal protection for minors at the Ministry of Justice (2009-2013). From 2014 to 2017, she was head of the social focus group as part of the office of Patrick Kanner, Minister for the City, Youth and Sport. Since 2017, she has been an administrator of the National Agency for Urban Renovation (ANRU).

Mireille Gaüzère has been involved with the French Red Cross since 2007, and was elected National Administrator in 2009. In this capacity, she chaired the “Action France” Committee from 2009 to 2013, followed by the Committee for Risk Prevention and Management from 2013 to 2017.


Qualified Personnalisities College

Marc AUDRIT
Head of strategy
Agence Hungry & Foolish - Paris

Marc Audrit has a Master in Marketing and Communication (ESC Liège - Belgium). His professional career is an atypical hybrid of global corporate and industry experience: his 30 years’ experience in brand-building was acquired in advertising agencies (DDB, Publicis, Young & Rubicam) and through brand stewardship (Vice President, Global Brand, Western Union). Marc has acquired international experience spanning 15 years by managing key brands for the Danone Group in more than 50 countries and for the Western Union brand in over 200 countries, and has developed a taste for working in multicultural environments.
Marc has been Head of Strategy for the Hungry & Foolish Agency in Paris since January 2016. His passion for reading is equalled only by his insatiable interest in history.

Christine ROBICHON  
*Diplomat*

Train at Sciences-Po Paris and INALCO (Arabic) in the 1970s, Christine Robichon joined the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the Concours d’Orient in 1979. She has served as Secretary and then Counsellor of Embassy in Damascus, in Rabat, at the Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York, and in Washington, D.C., as Consul General in Oran and Johannesburg, and as Ambassador in Khartoum, Colombo and Yaoundé. She has also held the position of Head of the Service for French Nationals Abroad at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Paris.

In 39 years in the service of French diplomacy, she has acquired experience in crisis management and humanitarian and social action in different cultural environments. In Sudan, Sri Lanka and Cameroon, she maintained numerous contacts with humanitarian actors (UN agencies, ICRC and NGOs) both in the capital cities and in the field.

Philippe GUAY  
*Accountant*  
*External Auditor*

Philippe Guay is an accountant and external auditor, in charge of the service line “Associations” for the In Extenso firm. As President of the Committee for Associations, Foundations, and Endowment Funds for the National External Auditing Company, he contributes to the drafting of numerous texts and books, making him an indispensable advisor for French associations and foundations.

Co-author of the “Guide du Commissaire aux comptes dans les Associations, Fondations et autres Organismes sans but lucratif”, he ensures the regular updating of this reference work. Specifically oriented towards the cultural world and regulation of combined accounts, his recent work on philanthropy, patronage and endowment funds has led him across France, and he has contributed to the drafting of official texts with relevant ministries.

He has been a member of the Committee of Accounting Standards of the College of ANC (the Accounting Standards Authority) since January 2017.
Philippe RYFMAN
Professor and associate honorary researcher the Department of Political Science and at the European Centre of Sociology and Political Science at la Sorbonne (CESSP-Sorbonne), Université Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne.

Until July 2013, Philippe Ryfman coordinated teaching at the NGO and Humanitarian Centre, as well as the series of Current Affairs Forums associated with the degree. He is also a lawyer at the Bar of Paris, and a holder of a specialisation in Associative and Foundation Law. He directed the DESS and then the Masters in "International Cooperation, Humanitarian Action and Development Policies" (CIAHPD) at Paris 1 University. He runs or has run other courses at the university, as well as in various establishments in France (Evry, INALCO, IEP) and abroad (Geneva and Freiburg, for example). He also runs continuing education sessions and conference series for research centres, private university centres, civil services, companies, associations and foundations.

He is a member of the Editorial Board of the journal *Humanitaire* and of the Scientific Council on international issues. From 2005 to 2008, he was in charge of the Civil Society column in Monde Economie. He continues to publish articles and columns regularly in a variety of papers and online media (the Huffington Post, for example), and takes part regularly in audiovisual programmes (France Culture, RFI, France 24).

He has participated in a number of programme evaluations, as well as fact-finding missions, as an expert consultant for non-governmental and intergovernmental institutions. Since 2009, he has co-organised the Forum Espace Humanitaire (FEH) with the Director-General of the Mérieux Foundation and the ex-President of the French Red Cross. The FEH is a high-level closed meeting which takes place every 18 months or so in Annecy and assembles directors of the main French non-governmental actors of international solidarity in the humanitarian field (NGOs and Red Cross).

He has been Secretary-General of the Friends of Médecins du Monde Foundation, member of the Board of Directors of the Primo Levi NGO and of the Comité de la Charte’s Advisory Board on Professional Ethics. For nine years, until June 2013, he was a member of the NGO ACF-F’s Board of Directors. He is also a member of Fondation de France’s International Solidarity Committee and of the NGO Electriciens sans Frontières (ESF)’s Committee on Professional Ethics. From January 2012 to December 2013, he presided and led the Sponsorship Committee/Endowment Fund Project Committee of the Bar of Paris Solidarité (created by the Paris Bar Association). Finally, as part of various groups of experts, he works on prospective scenarios for humanitarian action in the coming decade.
Institutional Partners College

Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS) represented by
Eloi FICQUET

Anthropologist and Historian
Lecturer at the School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (EHESS)
Representative of the School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (EHESS) at the French Red Cross Foundation

Eloi Ficquet's research is situated at the crossroads between anthropological fieldwork, for data collection, philological analysis, for the critical study of documents, and history, for the putting into perspective of observed and/or transcribed social dynamics.

He has mainly studied the practices and discourses of the coexistence and confrontation between Christian and Muslim societies in Ethiopia, from the 17th century to the present day. On the basis of multilingual, multi-scriptural and multicultural Ethiopian fieldwork, he seeks to understand what is at play between religious allegiances and political projects, particularly with regard to the developments of modernity, caught between several frames of reference which imply adhesion or rejection.

Other research concerns contemporary artistic creation in Africa and in Black Atlantic societies, particularly through the imaginary of jazz and its political engagements.

He was the Secretary to the Presidential Office of the EHESS from 2004 to 2007, and has lectured there since 2003. From 2009 to 2012, he directed the French Centre of Ethiopian Studies in Addis Ababa. He is a member of the Centre of Interdisciplinary Studies on Religion (CEIFR). He is also an associate professor at Senghor University in Alexandria and associate researcher at the Hiob Ludolf Centre for Ethiopian Studies at the University of Hamburg.

Ecole des hautes études en santé publique (EHESP) represented by
Alessia LEFEBURE

Doctor of Sociology
Director of Studies at EHESP
Representative of EHESP at the French Red Cross Foundation

A graduate of Sciences Po with a doctorate in the sociology of organisations, Alessia Lefebure joined EHESP in 2017. Her international career in higher education and research has led her to positions of responsibility in Europe, the United States, and Asia. She lived in New York for six years, where she led the Alliance, a laboratory for innovation in teaching and research, between Columbia University, l'Ecole
Polytechnique, Sciences Po and Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne.

She had previously founded and run the Asia-Pacific-Africa-Middle East Centre at Sciences Po between 2006 and 2011, a pivotal point of the organisation’s institutional strategy of academic partnership in these regions. Between 2001 and 2006, she was stationed in Beijing, at Tsinghua University, where she opened and directed the Sciences Po branch in China (the first abroad).

As well as Italian, English and French, she also speaks Mandarin. Her current research and teaching focuses on comparative higher education policy, namely in China, Asia and the United States. She has taught at Tsinghua University, Columbia University (SIPA-School of International and Public Affairs), and Sciences Po.

She is one of the co-authors of China Innovation Inc., published by the Presses de Sciences Po (2012), as well as a book on higher education in Asia, published by the Institute for International Education (IIE) in New York, Asia: the Next Higher Education Superpower? (2015).

The quality of her action in favour of international academic cooperation was rewarded by the GMF's Marshall Memorial Fellowship (MMF) in 2010 and by the French-American Foundation’s Award for Excellence in 2014. Strongly committed to questions of education, the environment, and civil rights in connection with social action, Alessia Lefebure is a member of several scientific boards and expert panels for a number of organisations, including Bibliothèques sans frontières, Africa Mediterraneo, Institut de l'engagement, Data Pop Alliance, and Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN).

Institut de recherche pour le développement (IRD)
represented by
Anne-France PITEAU
Head of partnerships and International Donors
International and European Relations Department
Institut de recherche pour le développement

Passionate about the economic, social, environmental and governance issues of the 21st century, Anne-France Piteau has expertise in managing cross-disciplinary international projects. Sustainable development and partnerships are at the heart of my commitments.

Before joining the IRD as head of the international partners and donors department in January 2020, she had the pleasure of combining strategic and political management with the operational implementation of multi-stakeholder partnerships, for both private and public organisations and associations. For more than 12 years, she has been in charge of programmes in two foundations (Fondation CHANEL and a foundation working on human rights in the Mediterranean), directed an international network of social and solidarity economy -ESS forum International- after having worked as a political analyst at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs - DGM and then at the Support and Crisis Centre -, as
head of CSR and sponsorship projects within the BPCE group and as a project manager at the UNDP in Ecuador. Keen on international relations and development economics, she is a graduate of Sciences Po Aix-en-Provence and the CERDI (Centre d’Etudes et de Recherches sur le Développement International) in Clermont-Ferrand.

Foundation Friends College

Françoise FROMAGEAU – Vice President
Geriatrician
President of the Brittany region of the French Red Cross
Vice-President of the French Red Cross Foundation
Vice-President of MONALISA (National mobilisation against the isolation of the elderly)

Françoise Fromageau has been a doctor in Pont de l’Abbé in Brittany since 1980. She has a long history of involvement with the Red Cross, first locally, in Pont l’Abbé, where she chaired the local unit for 12 years, then in the department of Finistère, and finally the whole Brittany region, which she has been in charge of since March 2017.

In 2004, she was elected a national administrator of the French Red Cross. She became national secretary in 2013, presiding over the status commission and volunteering, a role which she carried out until 2017.

Appointed to the High Council of Associative Activities in December 2013, she is also the vice-president of MONALISA, a member of the National Council for the Struggle against Exclusion and a member of the ANSA board of directors (National Agency for Active Solidarity).

Françoise Fromageau was named a Chevalier dans l’Ordre du Mérite (2009) and a Chevalier de la Légion d’honneur (2015).

Government Commissioner

Phillippe Vignes
Prefect

Phillippe Vignes is a graduate of the French National School of Administration (ENA) and was named a Chevalier de la Légion d’Honneur in 2014.

Between 1989 and 2018 he was Prefect for security in the Eastern defence zone, Prefect of Lozère, Mayenne and Pyrénées Orientales. In 2018, Phillippe Vignes will be appointed Prefect chargé de mission at the Ministry of the Interior. Since January 2019 Phillippe Vignes has been in charge of coordinating the preparation of the G7 at the Ministry of the Interior.