

The Foundation *La main à la pâte*:  
Some evolution in its activities

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# La main à la pâte initiated by G. Charpak

## The reality in 1995 in France :

- 3% of teachers actually teaching science
- scientific vocations decreasing
- success of "hands-on" méthodes in US (L. Lederman)



Under the impulse from Georges Charpak (Nobel prize in physics), Pierre Léna and Yves Quéré, the Académie des Sciences launches the program "La main à la pâte" to develop and reinforce sciences at school



# Science at school : the brakes

- Hierarchy is not always convinced that science teaching is useful in primary school
- Nor are parents ...
- Teachers fear to teach sciences
  - « I don't know / I'm not a scientist »
  - Afraid of doing experimental work
- and using active pedagogy
  - Change their position in the classroom
  - Afraid of losing the classroom control :
    - allowing the children to speak
    - organizing children in groups
    - Keeping things in order, buying material...



# Philosophy of IBSE at *La main à la pâte*

Science as an inquiry, as an investigation

Emphasis is put on questioning /Action /  
Experimentation/ work team...

Something pupils do, not something that is  
done for them

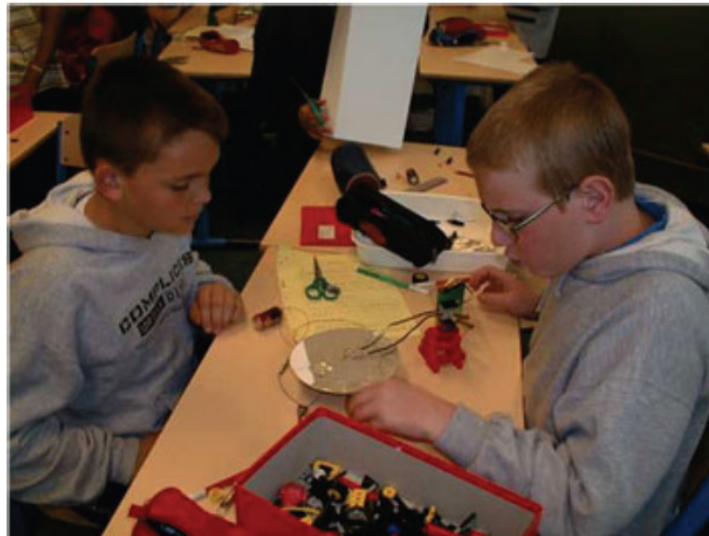
Teacher helps pupils to build their own  
knowledge

Presentation in an oral or written way  
(science notebook)



# Lamap principles

- Focusing on children curiosity and desire to learn ;
- Designing & implementing IBSE principles ;
- **Involving the scientists/engineers** ;
- Opening the school to parents & local community ;
- **Helping the teachers directly** (bottom-up, in-service) ;



# What was done for teachers ?



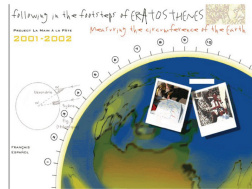
Website and forum



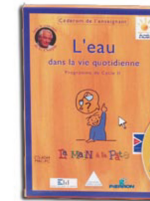
training and coaching



ressources centres



Collaborative projects



Resources for teacher



Science events



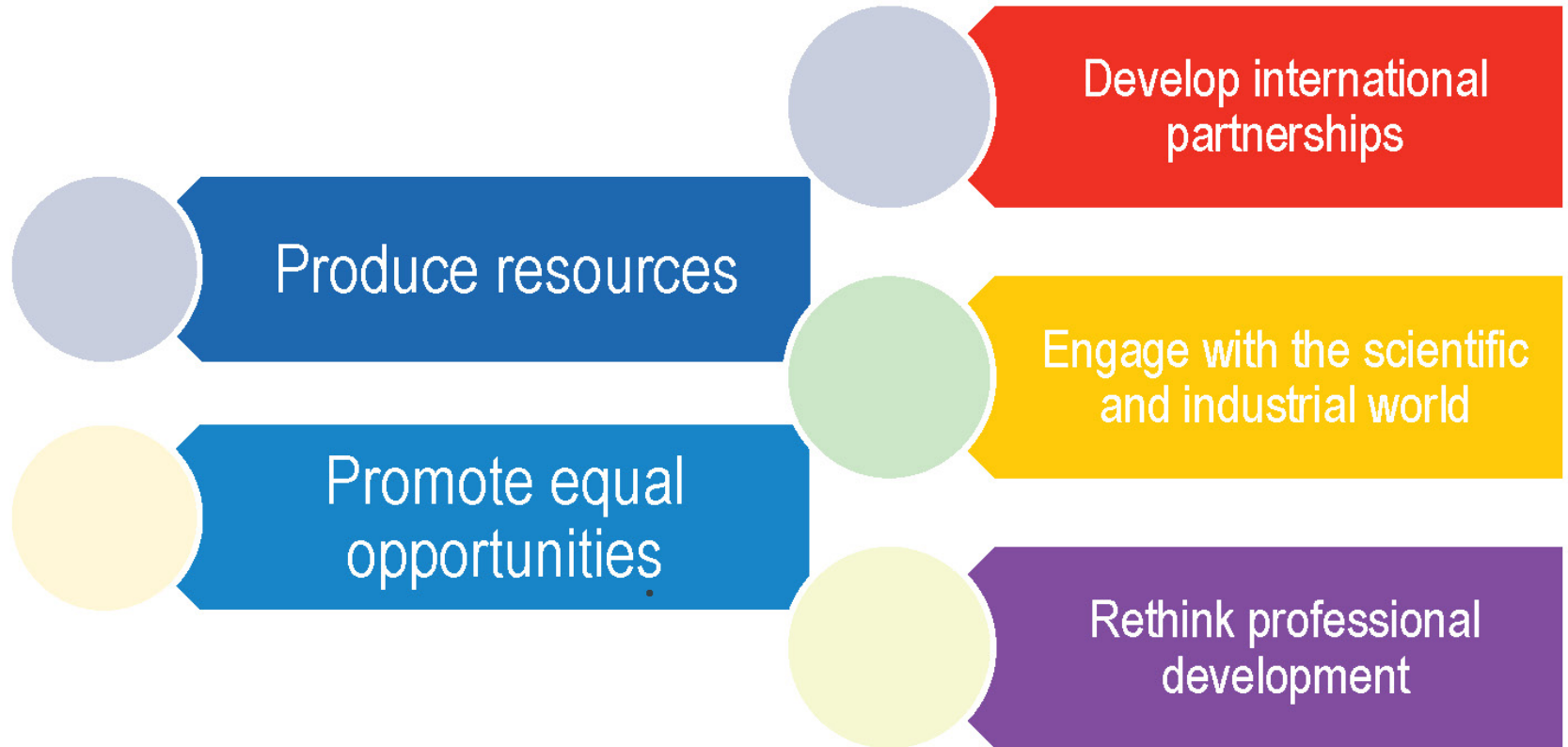
⚙ Experimental kits



Meeting and training with scientists



# Strategic areas of the Foundation



# LAMAP : a 24 years venture

From Primary to Middle school,  
in France and abroad

● *La main à  
la pâte*  
(1995)

● International  
action  
(2000)

● EIST\*  
(2006)

● Houses for  
sciences  
(2012)

● Pilot middle  
school  
LAMAP  
(2016)

 FONDATION  
**La main à la pâte**

**Created in october 2011**

Integrated  
Teachig of  
science et  
technologie in  
Middle school



# Long term goal : a broad institutional impact in France

(350 000 teachers K-5 ; 7000 middle schools 6-9)

## METHODOLOGY

- Introducing **disruptions** in the education system ;
- Using Academy's independency to implement **prototypes** ;
- Developing high quality, free, easy-to-access **resources** for the classroom ;
- Fostering **dissemination** by contagion ;
- Inspiring **in-depth changes** of the public system ;
- Working closely with the scientific community ;



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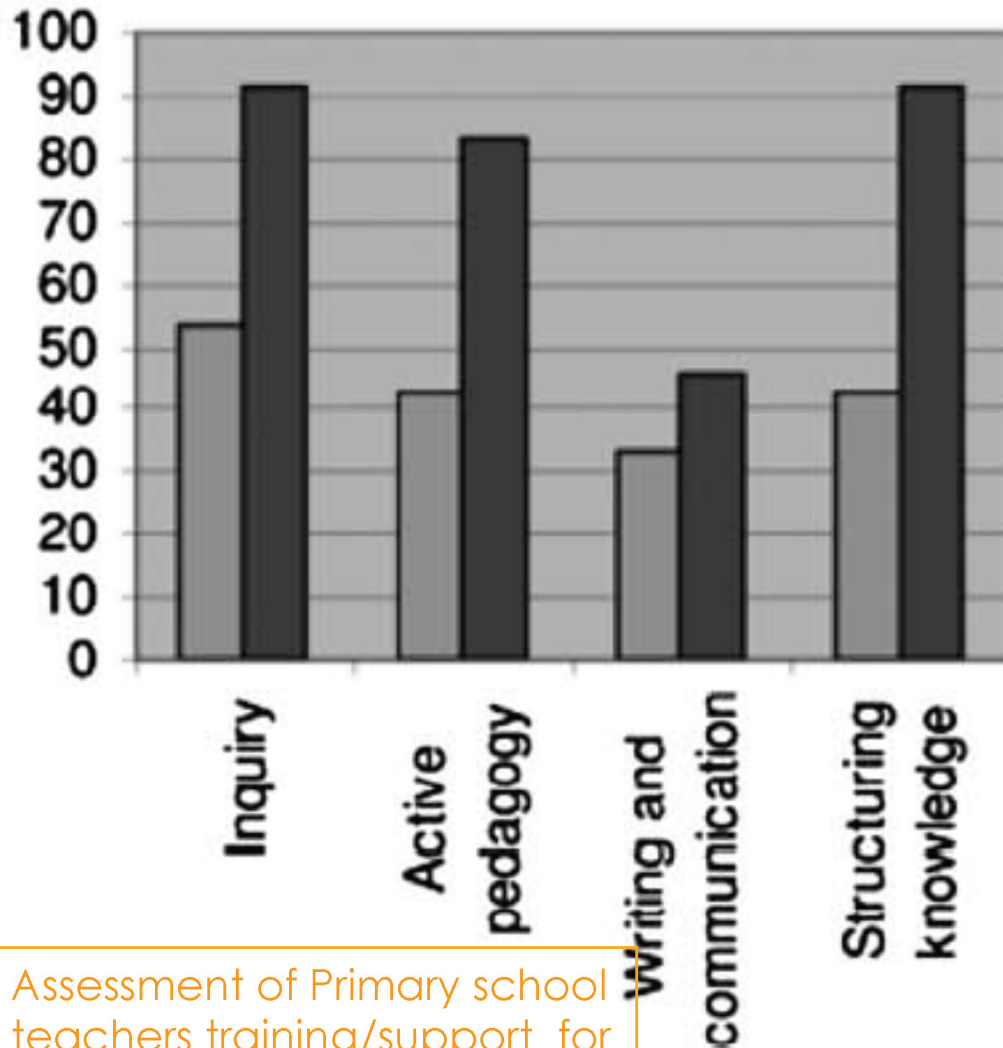
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## SUCCESSIVE DISRUPTIONS

1. Natural science in primary schools 1995 ⇨ now
2. Integrated, interdisciplinary science in Gr.6-7 2006 ⇨ now
3. Professional development of teachers (K-9) 2012 ⇨ now
4. Prototype Middle schools in science/engineering 2017 ...



# Disruption 1 - Natural science in primary schools



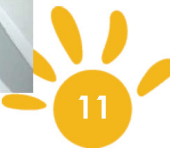
In Education 3-13 (2011)  
M Delclaux & E Saltiel  
*La main à la pâte*, France

■ Supports ≤ 5 years  
■ Support ≥ 6 years

Teachers are key



Assessment of Primary school teachers training/support for IBSE practice



## Disruption 2 . Interdisciplinarity in 200 Middle schools

Lamap EIST 2006 -> 2015 Science Interdisciplinarity in Grades 6-7

Physics-Chemistry

Life & Earth sc.

Technology

3 teachers, working together, teaching all 3 subjects (EIST)



## Disruption 3 – *Maisons pour la science* Houses for science, to serve teachers

- Official Continuous Professional Development of teachers almost disappeared since ca. 2000 ;
  - Negative impact on science education K-12 ;
- Creation of 10 (12 soon) Houses, since 2012
  - Based on *Lamap* expertise since 1996
  - Partnership Scientists/Engineers/Pedagogy (50/50)
  - Installed in University
  - Goal (reached): 13 000 teachers/year
  - Production and dissemination of resources
  - A fruitful network w many exchanges

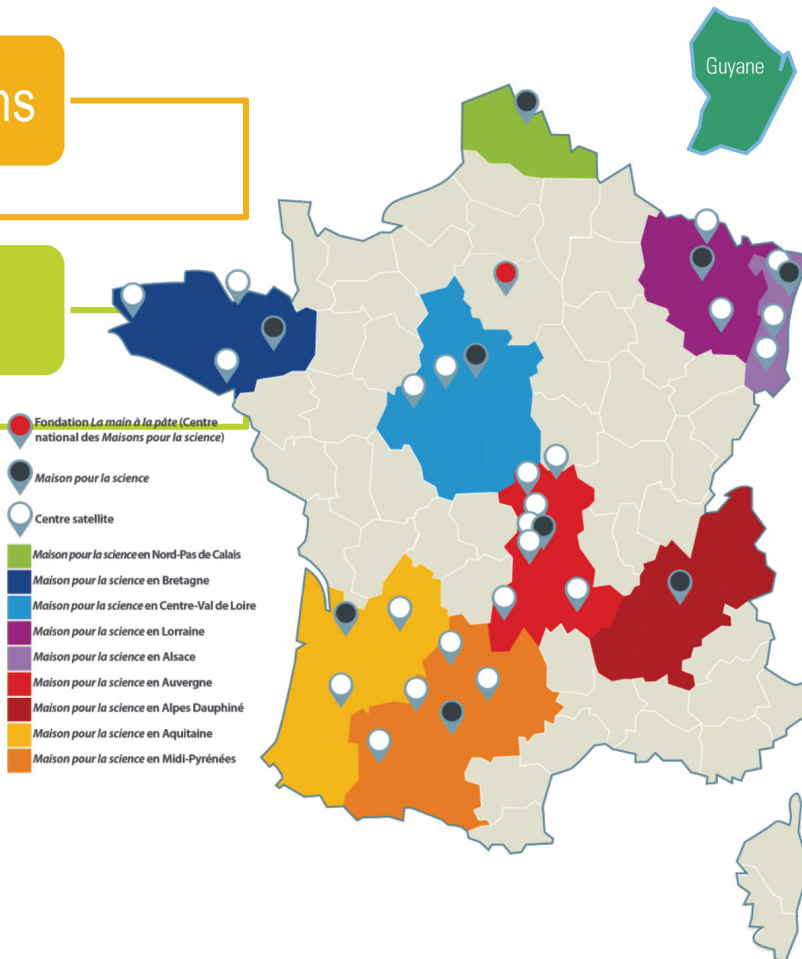


# 10 Maisons pour la science, to serve teachers

national coordination

10 houses in regions

23 satellite centres



# Disruption 4- LAMAP pilot middle schools



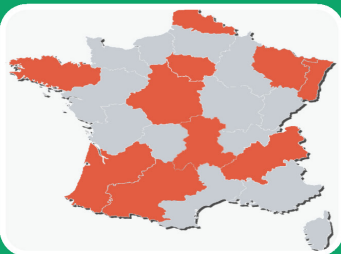
Interdisciplinarity + Inquiry ( K6-K9)

- energy, biodiversity, robotics...



Opening to science world

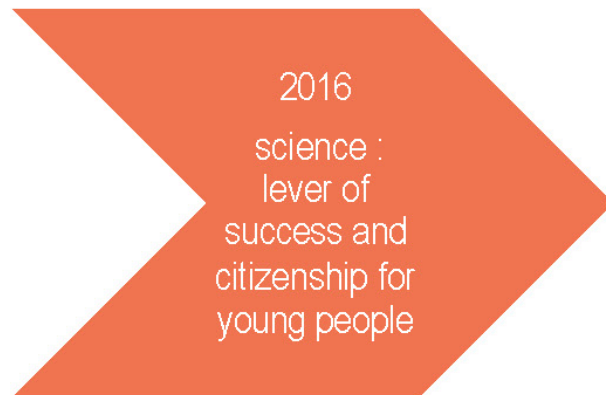
- Scientific mentoring, partnership with labs, visit on industrial sites



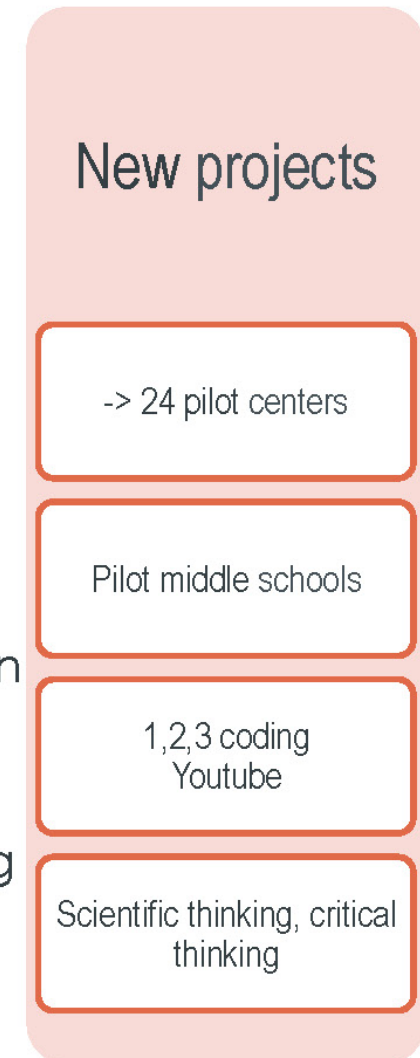
Expension

- 2019 : 80 middle schools, 450 teachers ( 70 % disadvantaged areas)
- 2020 : 120 / 2021 : 150 middle schools

# The successive strategic plans



- Continue our action in primary school
- Increase significantly our action in middle school
- Train to the digital revolution
- Be more engaged in improving "living together".





# Digital revolution : 1,2,3 Code



## In France

- 2 resources for primary and secondary schools
- CPD for teachers



## Over the world

- Translation in 2 languages (English and German)
- CPd in Europe and Malaysia



## Impact

- > 10.000 primary teachers
- > 3000 secondary teachers

# Scientific Thinking / critical thinking



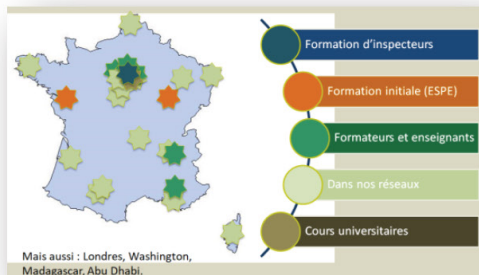
2 Units



Dedicated website



MOOC



CPD



Training kits



Research

# The new strategic plan

2019

- Closer relation w industry
- Emphasis on sustainable development issues
- Enlarge the population and the duration : the STIMULI project
- Benefit from the digital revolution: self-training for teachers

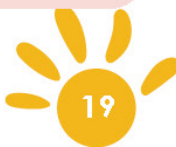
## New projects

New partnership  
( Chemical)

Office for Climate  
Education

Changing of scale

Self-training through  
the web



# New partnerships with enterprises



## Chemistry

- In partnership with Fondation Maison de la chimie
- Example: *Energy, Matter, . Involving scientists and industry*



## 3D conception

- National contest for 3D makers – classes organized as start up
- Award for middle school ( junior and high school)



## Professional development activities in and with industries

- Total, Michelin, Saint-Gobain...

# Sustainable development: OCE

## Office for Climate Education



### Mission

- educating the young generations of today and tomorrow about climate change



### Activities

- Resources for teachers and trainers
- CPD sessions
- Conferences



### Network

- Several organizations partners of La main à la pâte ( special focus on south America)

# Change of scale: all teachers on 8 years

## Disruption 5 ?

- At the scale of a large region (Great-East)
- Train to IBSE from L1 to 3<sup>rd</sup> year in-service
- Project *STIMULI* proposed to the government (decision in fall 2019)
  - Connected to R&D in education (short loop)
  - New resources + social networks
  - Local centers + fablabs to support teachers
  - Self-training platform
  - Evaluation of impact



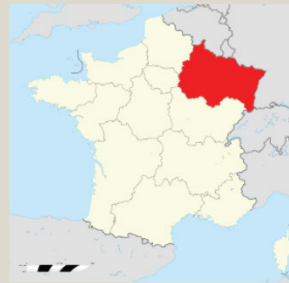
- **Translational**
- Retroaction
- Evidence based

## Research

- Resources center
  - Involving scientists and industries
  - Local support

## Local CPD centers

**R + D  
CONTINUUM**  
STEM and Literacy CPD  
From Licence to the 3rd  
year of teaching  
Presential + on line



## Dissemination

## Impact

- Through the Houses for science

- Impact on teachers and pupils ( with the ministry evaluation department)



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My Courses

Badges

Portfolio



+ complétion



+ completion



completion

Calendar

Notifications

Messages



# International dissemination

## Europe

→ 2016-2019 : LINKS on Science CPD (9 partners)



## All over the world

- International seminar
- Pluriannual programmes in Africa : Senegal, Madagascar, Mali, Sudan.
- Translation of various resources



# Scientists are essential to develop IBSE

