

President's editorial

FRANCE: MARITIME AMBITION»



The conference "France Ambition Maritime" organised by the Académie de Marine was held in Paris, in the large amphitheatre of the regional prefecture, on 23 and 24 January. Bringing together more than thirty speakers and one hundred and fifty participants, this colloquium closed the cycle of public lectures given during the academic year 2021-2022 by the Academy to celebrate the centenary of its Renaissance. The visuals and texts of the presentations will be made available to the public in digital form and will be the subject of a publication by the Academy.

This colloquium was also the starting point for a vast reflection on France's maritime strategy. Because of its geography - its immense maritime territory spread over all the oceans - and its history, France is a maritime country. But is it a maritime power? Does it have a maritime strategy that will enable it to draw its influence, prosperity and security from the oceans in the decades to come? It does not lack assets, and these have been widely recalled: an exceptionally rich underwater heritage and remarkable means of research, an assertive environmental protection policy based on high-level scientific research, a global national navy, industrial flagships resolutely committed to technological innovation and energy transition, responsible and committed to future competitions, and excellence in training for the professions of the future. However, beyond recalling these numerous successes, we also wonder about France's capacity to face the growing threats: capacity to maintain security in our metropolitan and overseas maritime spaces in the face of organised crime, the adequacy of the Navy's format to the scope of its missions and competition from rising powers, the future of the strategic fleet and the fragility of shipbuilding, the delay in marine renewable energies, the maintenance of a reasoned and competitive fisheries sector, France's position with regard to the possible future exploitation of the deep sea, the lack of manpower and recruitment difficulties. In the coming months, the Academy will analyse these different aspects to identify the perspectives and trajectories likely to give France the status of a 21st century maritime power.

Alain Bovis President of the Académie de marine

I would like to thank all the supporters who have made this event possible: the Prefect of the region Marc Guillaume, who has kindly welcomed us to his premises, SOGENA, which has provided a large part of the logistical organisation, and all the partners who have accompanied us throughout this Centenary year. This celebration would not have been possible without the active commitment of many members of the Academy, to whom I would like to pay tribute.



Hôtel de la Marine



The activities of the Academy

ORGANISATION OF A SYMPOSIUM "FRANCE: MARITIME AMBITION"

January 23 and 24 January in Paris, it brought together recognised leaders and experts to explore the following themes: Underwater adventure, knowledge and protection of the oceans, France: a maritime power, the blue economy, preparing for the future, future vocations. This event is part of the "France mer 2030" perspective outlined by Mr Hervé BERVILLE, Secretary of State for the Sea.

AWARDING OF PRIZES

"Rodolphe SAADE, Chairman and CEO of the CMA CGM Group, in the presence of Mr Hervé BERVILLE. Rodolphe SAADE became Chairman and Chief Executive Officer in 2017 after having held numerous positions within the company for some twenty years. He managed the transatlantic and transpacific lines from 1997 to 2000 before becoming Vice Chairman of the Group in 2010. At the head of the company, he has continued the remarkable growth of the company with a focus on environmental issues. In particular, he was a pioneer in the use of LNG to decarbonise ship propulsion. Since his arrival, he has affirmed his strategic vision and taken major decisions by diversifying his activities in order to offer complete and innovative solutions

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AWARD OF THE JOINT PRIZE

Académie de marine - Fonds de dotation Brousse dell'Aquila, to Laurent BALLESTA: natural photographer, diver and biologist. He has led numerous diving expeditions in all latitudes.

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CONFERENCES

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- New ship propulsion techniques and their impact on the decarbonisation of maritime transport" held on 14 December at ESCP.
- Underwater archaeological exploration of the wreck of "La Lune", vice-admiral ship of Louis XIV (1664), 14 February at the headquarters of the Bouygues group.
- [\(Read the rest\)](#)

ON THE AGENDA

- Exhibition at the Château de Vincennes by the Service historique de la défense until 25 March on the theme "The origins of the Académie de marine" [\(Read the rest\)](#)
- Augustin Fresnel (1788-1827) and the invention of modern lighthouses Conference by Vincent Guigueno, from the Académie de Marine. Maison des ponts. Paris. 29 March at 6pm)
- The limitation of shipowners' liability. Conference on 16 May at 6 pm at the Bouygues Group headquarters in Paris.
- Round-table on the genesis of the new generation French nuclear aircraft carrier on 14 June at 6pm in Balard (Ministry of Defence). Amphi grand Victor.
- The meeting of European Maritime Academies is to be held in Portugal in June on invi-

tation of the Portuguese Academy. This cenacle was created in 2021 on our initiative. It already gathers several academies (Belgium, Spain, France, Portugal, Sweden, Germany) in order to develop exchanges and actions on common subjects.



Hervé Berville, Rodolphe Saade, Alain Bovis.



Memory

The cycle of the centenary of the rebirth of the Académie de marine began with a presentation in this Letter of the main founders of the Académie in 1752. It ends with a presentation of the re-founders of the Academy in 1921: Michel Landry, Minister of the Navy and Jean-Charles Chaumet, Member of Parliament and President of the Maritime and Colonial League, under the authority of the President of the Council Georges Leygues.



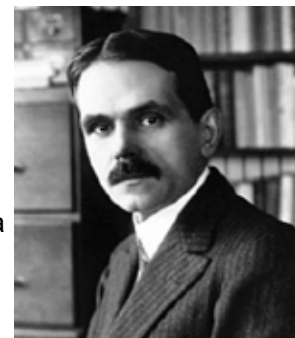
Michel Landry

Professor and politician Born on 29 September 1874 in Ajaccio (Corse-du-Sud). Died on 28 August 1956 in Paris. First to enter the École Normale Supérieure in 1892, he was awarded the agrégation in philosophy in 1896.

Appointed professor of philosophy in Toulouse and then in Vendôme in 1897, he collaborated with André Gide and Henri Bergson, he turned to economic and social issues...[\(Read the rest\)](#)

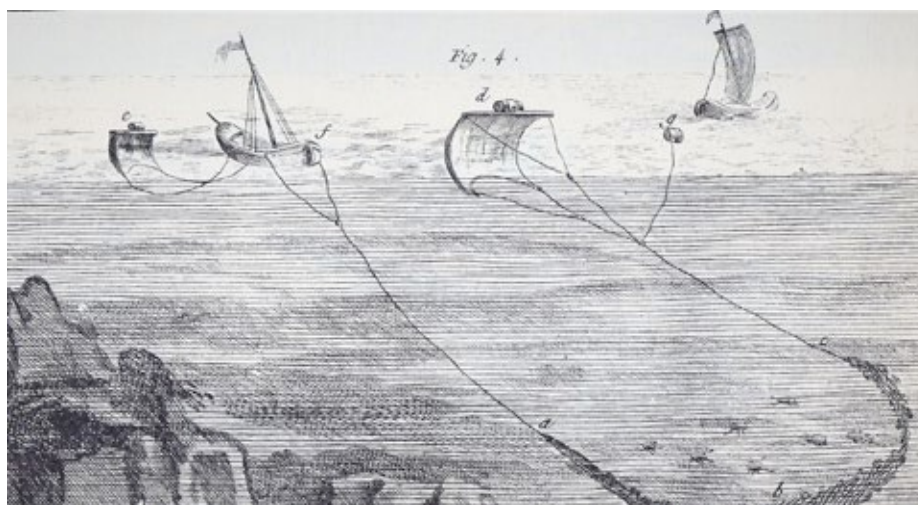
Jean-Charles Chaumet

Journalist and politician. Born on 21 February 1866 in Prignac-et-Marcamps (Gironde). Died in Paris on 7 January 1932. After having studied law in Bordeaux, he entered the journalistic world. Editor of La Petite Gironde, then editor-in-chief of L'Avenir, he created La Tribune ouvrière, a trade unionist newspaper, then La Tribune agricole. 1902 and registered in the Union Démocratique group,...[\(Lire la suite\)](#)



Work of the Academicians

OVERFISHING IS FAR FROM BEING A NEW PHENOMENON. A LOOK BY ERIC RIETH, HISTORIAN, FROM THE MARINE ACADEMY.



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- Overfishing is currently the subject of a heated and controversial debate. This is not new. Eric Rieth shows the importance attached since the 18th century to the sustainable management of fishing stocks thanks to very detailed regulations, major controls and educational measures aimed at fishermen
- The author presents the work of two actors in the maritime world in the 18th century, concerning fishing techniques and their consequences on fish populations and the daily life of coastal communities.

The historical context is dominated by two major elements. Louis XIV's ordinance on the navy in 1681 and the appointment of and the appointment of Colbert in 1669 as Secretary of State for the King's Household, to which the Navy was added the same year..

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MEDIA ACTIVITIES

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with Alain Bovis, president of the Académie de marine. Le Marin. December 2022 ([Read the rest](#))

> **L'industrie navale française et les perspectives européennes.**

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