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Press release

The University of Limoges (France) has joined the International Cyber Security Center of Excellence as an Affiliate Member. Keith Mayes, vice-chairman of INCS-CoE “the University of Limoges be the first French university to join INCS-CoE, this wonderful initiative that brings together the world’s leading centers of excellence in the field of cyber security”. The representative of the University of Limoges within the INCS-CoE will be the Dean of the Faculty of Science and Technology, Damien Sauveron who is also President of IFIP WG11.2 “Pervasive Systems Security”.

INCS-CoE is delighted to welcome the University of Limoges as its first Affiliate Member from France. The [University of Limoges](#) was the first French university to offer an MSc in cryptography and information security, back in 1986. In the following thirty-five years, within the [Faculty of Science and Technology](#), it has trained several thousand students who today hold key positions in cybersecurity within various universities, research organisations, ministries and companies. The University of Limoges is also recognised for the excellence of the cyber security research conducted within the [XLIM laboratory](#) of the Faculty of Science and Technology. One of the strengths of its research group is that it covers a continuum from information theory to practice.

The Vision of [INCS-CoE](#) is to work together in a multi-stakeholder environment within a Government-Industry-Academia partnership, starting with three founding countries, US, UK, and Japan, then expanding the environment for ambitious international collaboration to achieve positive real-world impact. The Mission of INCS-CoE is to pioneer efforts worldwide to address cyber security challenges created by the growing borderless digital society. Understanding that a single nation-state or one organization will not be able to solve the challenges on its own, the INCS-CoE started with university cooperation and is growing into a broader government-industry-academia collaboration. INCS-CoE international collaboration targets education, research, policy, standards and regulation, international symposia, workshops and meetings.

[Quote from Professor Keith Mayes Vice Chairman of INCS-CoE and Director of the Information Security Group at Royal Holloway University of London]

“The University of Limoges is a great addition to the INCS-CoE family, as a long-standing pioneer in education and research related to information and cyber security. I have personal experience of a very long and productive collaboration between the Smart Card and IoT Centre at Royal Holloway University of London, and Damien Sauveron and his team. I look forward to extending this relationship to INCS-CoE, as its membership now expands into France.”

[Quote from Dr. Damien Sauveron, Dean of the Faculty of Science and Technology, University of Limoges]

“It was with great pride that my colleagues and I learned that the Royal Holloway University of London and Imperial College London had proposed to the Board that the University of Limoges be the first French university to join INCS-CoE, this wonderful initiative that brings together the world’s leading centers of excellence in the field of cyber security. As we have done in our previous collaborations with Professor Keith Mayes and his colleagues at the Smart Card and IoT Centre at Royal Holloway University of London, we will bring all our expertise to foster the emergence of large-scale international projects both in the field of education and collaborative research with all the actors of the public or private sector in order to contribute to securing the digital and real worlds.”

[Quote from Professor Isabelle Klock-Fontanille, President of University of Limoges]

“For 35 years, the University of Limoges has been offering training and research of excellence recognized in France in the field of cryptology and information security through the CRYPTIS master’s degree. The university’s cybersecurity research group, located in the XLIM laboratory of the Faculty of Science and Technology, has top-level research results. Becoming an Affiliate Member of INCS-CoE is not only an additional recognition of the excellence of the XLIM laboratory and the influence of the University of Limoges, but above all an opportunity to further strengthen its assets by collaborating with the best centers in the world.”



L'INCS-CoE was founded by six universities

- UMBC et Northeastern University pour les Etats-Unis,
- Imperial College London et Royal Holloway University of London pour le Royaume-Uni,
- Keio University et Kyushu University pour le Japon.

New members are

- University of Cambridge pour le Royaume-Uni,
- Edith Cowan University pour l'Australie,
- Université de Limoges pour la France,
- Technion Israel Institute of Technology pour l'Israël,
- Ben-Gurion University pour l'Israël.

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