



Brief presentation of IMERA

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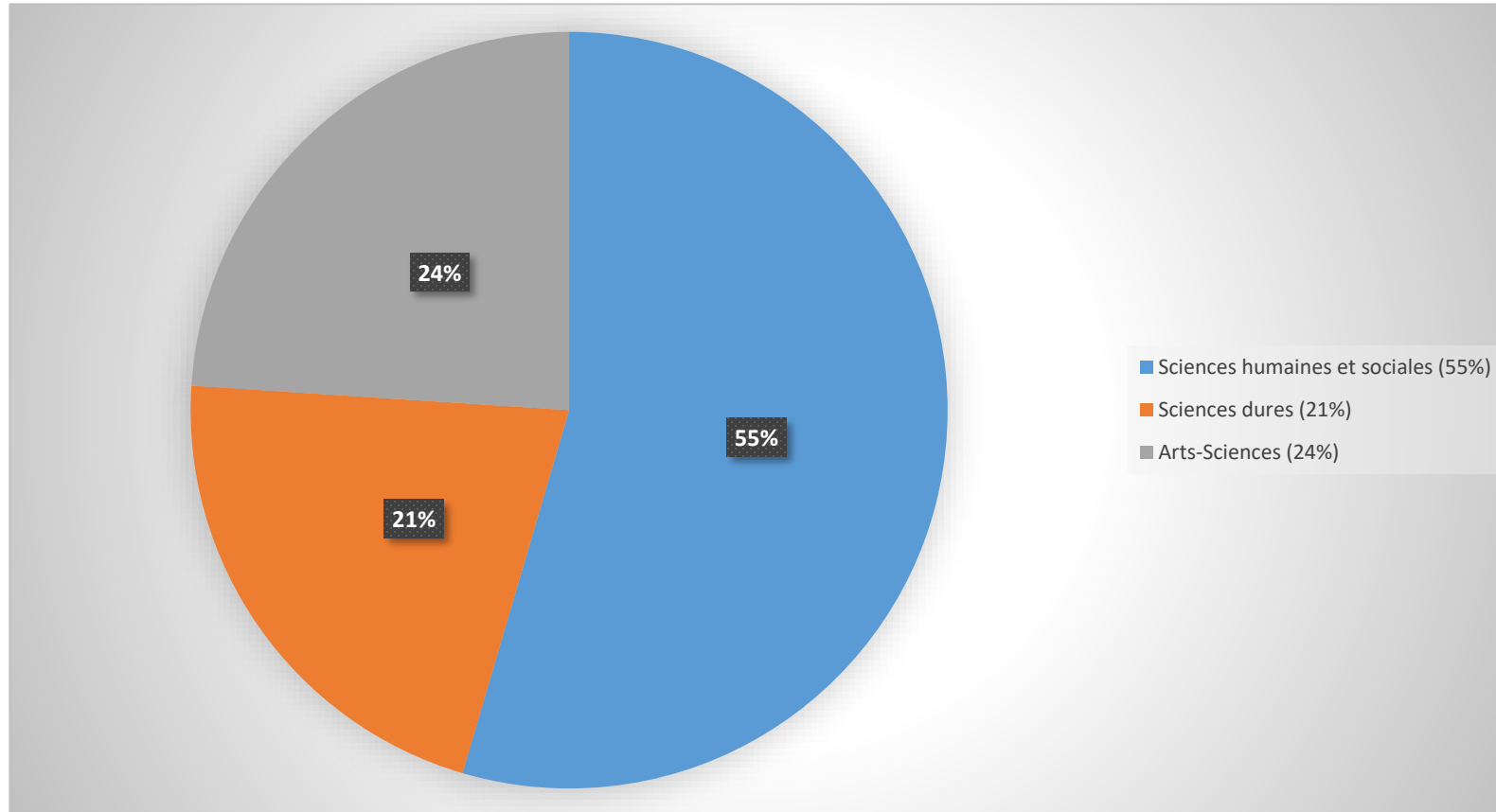
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What's IMERA?

- Created on May 31 2007, IMERA is an **institute for advanced study (IAS, IEA in french)**. As such, IMERA is meant to build communities of first-class **international** researchers and artists (**residents**) undertaking highly innovative **interdisciplinary** projects. From 2019, IMERA will also host writers.
- **Fellows are central to the IAS community: they participate in a range of IAS activities while pursuing individual research projects.** Ideally, they stay connected with the institute after their residence through a variety of mechanisms.
- Since 2013, IMERA is university-based, which drastically strengthens the scientific capacity and logistics of the institute and speeds up the integration of fellows without affecting its scientific independence.
- **Doubling of residences in 4 years:** 100 months in 2014-2015 to 199 months in 2018-2019!

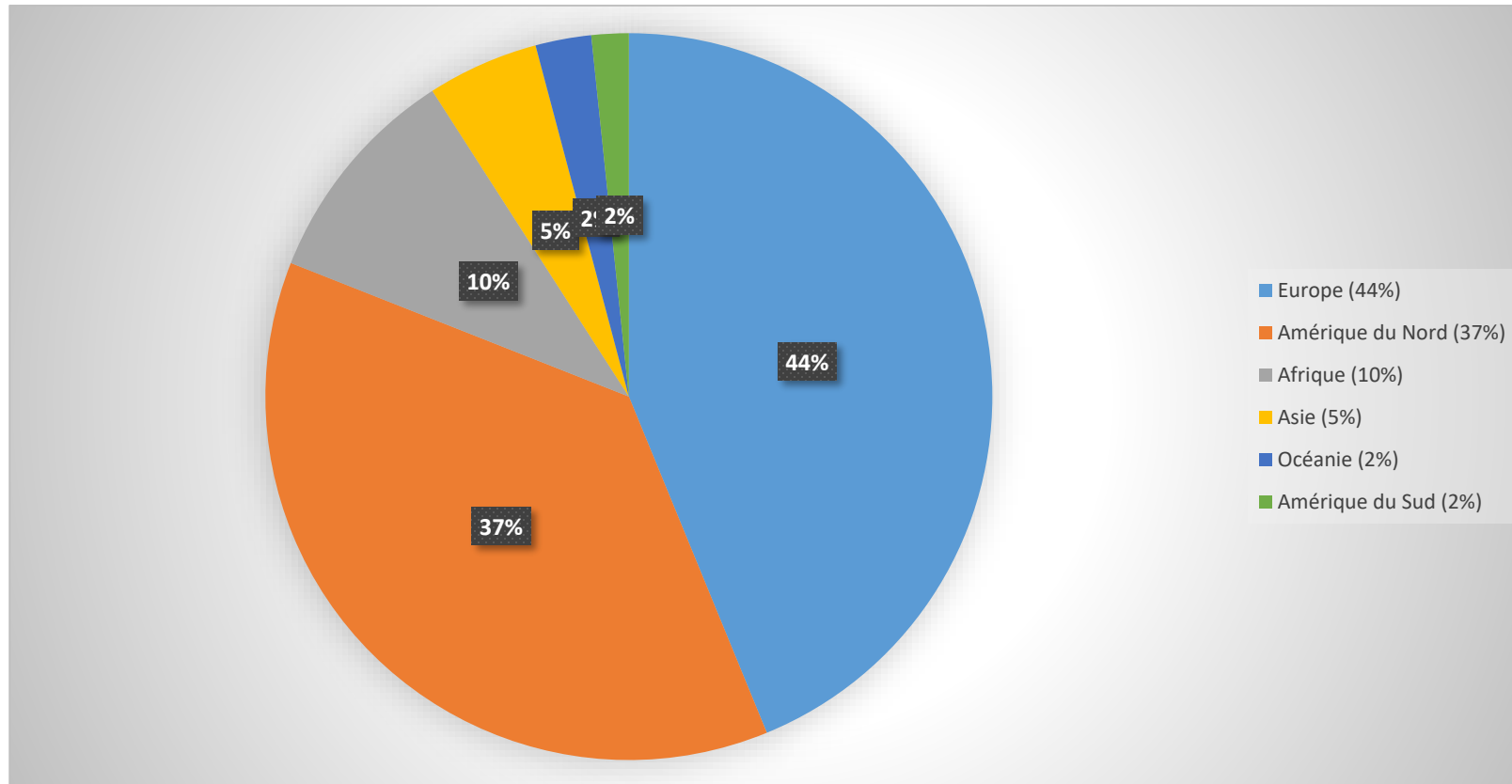
Distribution by discipline

Whole sample



Distribution by geographic origin

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IMERA's networks and positions in networks at AMU

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
FIR Invités (DRV)	Sans objet	47 mois	56 mois	60,5 mois	29 mois	39 mois
DRH	40 mois	14 mois	52 mois	11,5 mois	60 mois	41 mois
A*Midex	5 mois	6 mois	15 mois	22 mois	14 mois	49 mois
IMéRA	67 mois	72 mois	73 mois	100 mois	142 mois	154 mois
Total	112 mois	139 mois	196 mois	194 mois	245 mois	283 mois

IMERA's networks and positions in networks

National level

- IMERA is a member of the French network of Institutes for Advanced Study (RFIEA), which will celebrate its 10th anniversary (just like IMERA), this year. It includes the IAS of Lyon, Marseille, Nantes and Paris.
- Since 2013, RFIEA has been co-financing IMERA together with AMU. (Hence, solicitations to contribute to the outlets of the network, *Fellows and Perspectives*).
- IMERA is holding the scientific and technical directorship of the RFIEA+ LABEX since March 2016.
- A significant part of the latter financing comes from a LABEX grant (RFIEA+), an out of IDEX project, which is has just been submitted for renewal. A COFUND involving the IAS of Marseille, Paris and Lyon is about to be submitted.

International level

- IMERA is a member of **NETIAS**, the main European network, since the annual meeting of this network in Jerusalem, april 2016.
- IMERA is also a member (through RFIEA) of **UBIAS**, the network of the University Based Institutes for Advanced Study. The network includes the IAS of the universities of Harvard, Stanford and Sao Paulo in America, Helsinki, Munich and Aarhus in Euripe, and the universities of Beijing, Fudan and Nagoya in Asia.
- Since March 2018, IMERA has been elected to be one of the three coordinators of the network (with the IAS of the universities of Sao Paulo and Western Australia). The next UBIAS meeting will be held at IMERA in 2020.

Research structure and tools

- IMERA's research activity is structured around:
 - **The residents' community building seminar**: Frequency becomes weekly from 2016/2017. 2 hours-long seminar followed by a lunch. This is the most distinctive activity of the IAS. Different formats tested, some preliminary conclusions out.
 - **Thematic interdisciplinary programs**: 4 programs are scheduled (see list later) for the next 5 years. Each program is organized in a few **yearly cycles and conferences/workshops**.

Programs

IMéRA's programs have been formalized in 2016 along with a deep institutional and scientific restructuring of the institute. Incidentally, the figure of **program director** emerges.

- Program **Art, Science and Society** (Dir Pascale Hurtado): in IMéRA's profile since its creation, structural
- Program **Crossing paths: explorations in interdisciplinarity** (Dir Thibault Gajdos): in IMéRA's profile since its creation, structural
- **Mediterranean** program (Dir Thierry Fabre): new (running from 2017), structural
- Program on **Global phenomena and regulation** (Dir Raouf Boucekkine): non-structural, director's contribution to IMéRA's scientific life

Chairs

- **Chairs:** IMERA's chairs started in 2017/2018. Initially, they have been conceived to foster sustainable cooperation between IMERA and major French and international institutions. They also acted as an essential **funding tool** (in anticipation of the exhaustion of the RFIEA foundation funds). AMU excellence labs and AMU foundation A*Midex have been quickly added to this device later.
- The chairs are topical: « Sustainable development », « migration studies », « Averroes chair on Mediterranean Islam », « Language and brain »...
- IMéRA hosts currently about 10 chaires. Partners are international scientific institutions (AUF, Fulbright...), major French academic institutions (EHESS, IRD, IPC), local labs and foundations (A*MIDEX, ILCB, AMSE) and non-academic institution (Fondation Islam de France, Conseil Régional PACA...).

Cycles

- . IMéRA's cycles are typically program-specific (in general, 2 cycles per program).
- . Some cycles may be transversal. This is the case for example of the cycles of **public conferences** organized or co-organized by IMéRA:
 - **Les Rendez-vous de demain** (organized by T. Fabre)
 - **Les dynamiques d'extrémisation** (in collaboration with Fondation Camp des Milles, co-organized by R. Boucekkine, P. Hurtado and B. Mosse)
- . A cycle is typically composed of an average of 5 events per year. Special attention will be given for a smooth programming over the whole year (not always easy to avoid congestion)

Program-specific cycles

Program	Cycles
Art, Science and Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Recherche, arts et pratiques numériques (J. Cristofol, JP. Foumentraux, C. Parizot and M. Pénicaud)- Pratiques de l'écoute, écoute des pratiques (J. Cristofol, E. Biserna, C. Esclapez and P. Sinclair)
Crossing Paths	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Methods (P.Livet)- Cognition, interdisciplinary approaches (T. Gajdos)
Mediterranean	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Averroes (Y. Ben Achour and T. Fabre)- Life styles (D. Albera, T. Fabre and M. Tozy)
Globalization	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Migrations (R. Boucekkine, T. Macias and B. Moreno)- Sustainable Development (R.Boucekkine, A. Dobson and M. Pascual)

Other events

- IMERA also regularly hosts selected seminars/workshops proposed by (mainly French and AMU) partners. Main criteria: scientific excellence and interdisciplinarity.
- Importantly enough, the interdisciplinary courses of the AMU doctoral college are frequently held at IMERA.
- Finally, IMERA also hosts, as it should be, the events organized by its fellows if any. Fellows are particularly invited to submit proposals for interdisciplinary doctoral courses and seminar with explicit socioeconomic relevance and interaction (for which financing is available). Limited funds are available for other fellows events.

Special events: 10th anniversary conferences

- IMéRA will organize a sequence of international conferences (one per program) from next November.
- The opening conference will take place on november 7th and 8th on « **Energy: Challenges and Perspectives** ». Maximal interdisciplinarity: top physicists, chemists, biologists...economists, sociologists...policy makers and international organizations' officers.
- The second anniversary conference will take place on December 6th and 7th on « **Vie et mort de l'islam libéral?** », co-organized by T. Fabre and L. Yilmaz (IMéRA resident 2017-2018).
- Other anniversary conferences: Art, Science and Society in Spring 2019, and Crossing Paths in June 2019.

The beauty of the IAS: Endogenous and durable collaborative projects

- By assigning an increasing role to the fellows « community building» seminar, IMERA is willing to encourage cross and interdisciplinary projects resulting from fellows collaboration.
- These projects will be given maximal support, including financial. Fellows launching such projects will be invited to follow up on their initiative at IMERA (through subsequent short visits and/or cofinanced events).
- Continuation of research collaboration beyond residence: Team calls, ERC/European projects hosting, Associate/senior fellows....
- Publication support

New tools

- **IMéRA's senior fellows:** From 2018-2019, IMéRA will count on « more » permanent fellows, a stock of 2 or 3 senior fellows per year. Senior fellows are drawn from the successive promotions of residents. They are selected for a 3 years appointment (5 months per year, allowances, no accommodation expenses covered) based on full-fledged research projects with a structuring impact on AMU research.
- **IMéRA's associate fellows:** This category includes all residents involved in post-residence **team residences**. This tool will be more intensively used in the future, no call for that.

Publications

- An IMERA blog (« Cahiers des fellows de l'IMERA ») has been launched since late 2016 at CLEO, open to all the promotions of residents: brief contributions to the IMERA research program are welcome as well as any update on the residents projects.
- In the same line, a new series of monographs is under negotiation with international publishers. The specific format (individual contributions or collective books per promotion) is still an open question. Possible rescaling of the project (UBIAS level).
- More initiatives are to be taken for publication in French of the conferences given within the Mediterranean program.
- Support for publication (to a limited extent) possible

Useful links

<https://imera.univ-amu.fr/fr>

IMERA's website: Includes information about the scientific agenda of IMERA, about the residents, the programs...and the calls!

<https://imera.hypotheses.org/>

The blog « Les Cahiers des Fellows de l'IMERA »

https://twitter.com/imera_amu