

HE Committee

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Annual Committee Meeting



The Indo-French Chamber of Commerce & Industry had successfully conducted its Annual Committee Meeting for FY 2019-20 on Friday, 15th March 2019 in Mumbai.

The Chairman welcomed our new member, Dr Arya Bhattacharya from Mahindra Ecole Centrale. The Members discussed the following new initiatives:

- 1. A Workshop for alumni in Bangalore on 11th or 12th May on how they can enhance and develop their communication and networking abilities:** This idea was suggested by Christophe and Marie from Toulouse Business School and Maud from Rennes School of Business. This event is not job fair or placement initiative but a training workshop which will be useful to the Alumni, as during career fairs and other networking sessions, they often struggle to communicate and interact effectively. Also, very often their CVs do not reflect their skills and experience.

We would like to make this training session accessible to the Alumni of all the French and Indian education institutes that constitute the IFCCI Higher Education Committee so that everyone can benefit and also use this as a networking opportunity.

The alumni participants would receive a certificate of participation from IFCCI in the end. The promotion of the event for participation should come from our committee members only through their alumni base, so we need to have an idea of how many candidates each school will bring on board.

During the meeting, some of you thought that 25 would be possible, but it would be great if you could give us a tentative number from each school as accordingly, we can finalize the venue and format. Kindly let us know by 2nd April the estimate for your school. If the format will be successful, we would like to repeat it on the other cities where our alumni are available.

Additionally, we will need sponsors for this event so while IFCCI will try to reach out to their member companies, if any of the Institutes would like to sponsor this event or recommend a sponsor, then do let us know.

2. Press Release: Before this event, Sophie Collet from Science Po presented a project which we are very hopeful to kick off in April. This is the release of a PR communication to the press about our committee activity. Our ideal goal is to obtain an interaction at the Mumbai Press Club so that we can receive suggestions on subjects of interest from them.

The Press release would contain the names of all the member institutes and all our members would be invited to the event. We are also hoping to organise smaller meetings with individual journalists on the same basis and may reach out to you individually to make it happen. More details to come soon.

Here again, if the format is successful in Mumbai, we will replicate it in Delhi and Bangalore later. Our objective is to get maximum coverage for future events.

3. Knowledge Summit: Last year in March 2018, the first Knowledge Summit between India and France took place during the French presidential visit. Dr Javadekhar, Human Resources Development Minister and Frederique Vidale, the Minister of Higher Education and Research in France signed a historical bilateral MOU of mutual recognition of Degree.

It was also the occasion for the signature of 12 major Higher Education Indo-French collaborations. The summit served as a platform for future joint research through workshops. This was preceded and followed by regional future tours, 3 times during the year on a PAN India basis on specific common areas among our 2 countries (AI, Marine Sciences, Smart Mobility....).

In October 2019, the next Knowledge Summit will take place in France, and apparently would be preceded and followed up by regional focused workshops. It would be an amazing opportunity for our Indian members to reach out to potential university partners.

If this does interest you, we could reach out to the organising team to present the event in more detail so that you can benefit from the same. Kindly let us know by 1st April of your level of interest.

The Members brainstormed in order to identify other areas of activity that will make it a very successful and value creating year for our committee.

About Indo-French Chamber of Commerce & Industry (IFCCI)

Established in 1977, the Indo-French Chamber of Commerce belongs to a worldwide network of 120 French Chambers (CCIFI) in 90 countries with over 33,000 companies. One of the most active bilateral chambers in India, the Indo-French Chamber is a private association that promotes mutually beneficial trade relations between India & France and caters for its members' needs and interests. The Chamber has four offices in Mumbai, New Delhi, Chennai, Bangalore and two representations in Chandigarh and Pune. For more information, please visit <https://www.ifcci.org.in/>

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