

# PRESS RELEASE

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## Creation of CENTAURE, a Consortium for Equine Research

**Equine research undergoes change to effectively respond to the needs of the equine industry, in Normandy and beyond.**



*Founding meeting of the CENTAURE Consortium for Equine Research on 17th July 2018 at CIRALE. From left to right : Mr Fabrice Audigié (CIRALE-EnvA Director), Mr Christophe Leconte (Director of Research and Innovation, UniCaen), Mr Daniel Delahaye (Vice-Chair of the Research Commission, UniCaen), Mr Aymeric Hans (Acting Director of the Dozulé Equine Pathology Laboratory, ANSES), Mrs Magali Demoor (Director of BIOTARGEN, UniCaen), Mr Lamri Adoui (President of Normandie Université), Mr Guillaume Fortier (Chief Executive of LABÉO and Chair of CENTAURE), Mr Romuald Glowacki (Director for the Economy, Higher Education, Tourism, Research and Innovation, Normandy Region), Mrs Laurence Meunier (Chair of Pôle Hippolia), Mr Pascal Boireau (Director of the Animal Health Laboratory, Maison Alfort ANSES), Mr Romain Paillot (Head of Equine Health at LABÉO Research Division and Director of CENTAURE) and Mr Jean de Chevigny (Secretary-General of Fonds Eperon).*

### Creation of the CENTAURE Consortium for Equine Research

CENTAURE was officially launched on Tuesday 17th of July at the CIRALE (Goustranville).” Successor to the Fondation Hippolia (the only French foundation exclusively devoted to equine research), CENTAURE is a research cluster bringing together 4 groups with complementary skillsets: ANSES, CIRALE-EnvA, LABÉO and BIOTARGEN-UNICAEN, with the support of the ComUE Normandie Université, local authorities (the Calvados *département* and the Normandy regional council), as well as socio-professional bodies (Pôle Hippolia and Fonds Éperon). With 62 researchers including PhD students, research supervisors, lecturers

and assistants working across 2 campuses equipped with state-of-the-art technological facilities, CENTAURE aims to strengthen the position of the Saint-Contest/Caen/Goustranville/Deauville area as the French centre for equine research, thereby becoming the “Normandy Equine Valley: THE PLACE TO BE”.

### **A consortium to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow**

With the support provided by cutting-edge facilities, CENTAURE has established an ambitious and strategic 5-year action plan that aims to structure members’ equine research activities, to develop national and international partnerships, to optimise, develop and effectively harness the “Normandy Equine Valley” infrastructure, as well as promote the training of new generations of researchers, vets, engineers and engineering assistants.

CENTAURE will ensure the scientific dissemination and economic exploitation of the results obtained through its research activities and their application in the field with a view to answer the needs of the equine industry. Through its integrative and translational research activities (i.e. from the academic sector to the field, via the industry), CENTAURE also aims to support a more cohesive approach to “equine veterinary” and “human” medical sciences (“one-health” concept) in response to global public health challenges.

**Whilst equine health is the central focus of CENTAURE, the group aims to expand by incorporating other areas of scientific excellence, thereby diversifying its fields of research.**



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