

## WiN France General Assembly

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After WiN Languedoc-Roussillon in 2011 in Marcoule, the **WiN France** 2012 General Assembly was organized in Fontenay aux Roses CEA Centre ([http://www.cea.fr/english\\_portal](http://www.cea.fr/english_portal)) by WiN Ile de France (September, the 26<sup>th</sup>).

More than 50 members attended the meeting and participated to the conferences and technical tour in the afternoon. They were welcomed by Malgorzata Tkatchenko who is the head of the CEA Fontenay aux roses.



*View of part of the audience*

As an introduction, the director reminds the importance of this Centre which was the first one. It is an historic landmark with the ZOE facility. The construction of which started in 1946 and the first divergence of this ZOE experimental reactor was completed in December 1948.

Nowadays, the two main activities are life sciences research and cleaning and dismantling operations of the old facilities which were used in the past. That has to be done due to the fact that the Centre has now a very urbanistic environment and that the growing activities devoted to life sciences need more and more space.

To illustrate those two topics, the opportunity was given to the audience to attend to two speeches: The endocrine disruptors and the Cleaning and dismantling program of the center.

The participants had the choice in participating to 3 visits: the Prion laboratories, public information hall on dismantling (INFODEM) and newly created Marie Curie room.

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**Win France** has now 520 members. “Our objectives were achieved” Dominique Mouillot, President of WiN France said.

Among the different success and activities, she pointed out:

- The success of the educational kit (nominated at PIME award and winner of the SFEN 2012 FORATOM award.)

- The links with other female associations (femmes&sciences, femmes ingénieures, force femmes)
- The increasing number of actions towards the young, the students and the public
- The Fem'Energia award co-organized with EdF
- The involvement of WiN France in WiN Europe



*Bernard Jolly, General Secretary of SFEN (French nuclear energy society) presenting to Dominique Mouillot the 2012 SFEN-FAF award.*

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**Two know more about *the CEA's Fontenay-aux-Roses research centre***

*It hosts specialist disciplines spanning nuclear engineering to bioengineering, continues to confirm its capacity to meet the needs of wider society: before, it was harnessing nuclear sciences to resolve energy issues, and today and on to tomorrow, it is harnessing life sciences to resolve health issues. In 2010, the centre employed 1450 permanent staff across its four core sites: Fontenay-aux-Roses of course, but also Évry (the Genomics institute), Paris (the Saint-Louis Hospital blood immunology research department) and Caen (Ci-Naps – Cycéron centre). (<http://www-dsv.cea.fr/en/le-centre-far>)*