

PRESIDENCE

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To whom it may concern

Becoming an IPBES observer and nominating a focal point

Dear members of IPBES secretariat and bureau, Dear colleagues,

The Institut National Polytechnique de Toulouse (Toulouse-INP) is a federation of six engineering schools whose courses are strongly linked to the institution's research laboratories. It offers a framework conducive to innovation and is very open to the international scene. It guarantees quality training, a wide choice of courses adapted to the needs of companies and rapid professional integration. Located in a basin where the worlds of industry and research are closely linked, Toulouse INP offers dynamism to studies and research. For Toulouse-INP it is therefore important to more closely follow the future progress IPBES is doing in regard to climate change mitigation and biodiversity loss. In particular, given our position between research and companies, and expertise in informatics, agronomy, health sciences and other relevant research disciplines, we are optimistic that Toulouse-INP can contribute many important ideas to the transformative change the human population needs for a sustainable future.

We therefore request the accreditation for Toulouse-INP to become an official IPBES observer during IPBES-plenaries and nominate Prof. Dr. Dirk S. Schmeller as our focal contact point. He will on our end organize the Toulouse-INP delegation as well as making links on how and where our colleagues can contribute to the important work IPBES is doing.

We hope that you will be able to grant us the accreditation and accept our colleague as focal contact point.

With kind regards,

Toulouse INP, President

Catherine XUEREB