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Curriculum Vitae

Michel RICARD has a doctorate in Sciences and is a professor in ecology and biology at Bordeaux University. Head of the UNESCO chair "Education, training and research on sustainable development", he is also the president of the digital university for environment and sustainable development (UVED) and a member of the International Steering Group for the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development. In addition, he is vice-chair of the international network Environmental and School Initiatives (ENSI), chair of the yearly conference "Sciences and ethic of the sea", member of the UNECE steering committee and board of the UN Decade of education for sustainable development (DESD) and in charge for France of the European Tempus program on ESD for licence's students.

Michel RICARD spent 15 years at the French Museum of Natural History in Paris where he supervised several scientific programs on ecology and biology. After moving to the University, he was the Chancellor of two French universities, then the director of a higher Institute on natural resources. During all this period, he supervised several thesis, published about a hundred of scientific papers and several books on ecology and biology and organized several national and international scientific events.

From 2002, Michel RICARD was mostly involved in educations for sustainable development (ESD) as the chair of two bodies attached to the French Prime minister, the French council on sustainable development and the French committee of the UN Decade on education for sustainable development. In this framework, he notably introduced a compulsory program on sustainable development in the French school system. From 2004 to 2008, he organized three international conferences on ESD; furthermore, he was the representative of France at the UNECE steering committee of the UN ESD Decade and the chair of the SD working group of the European Environmental Advisory Council (EEAC).

Michel RICARD is a holder of several awards: knight of the French Legion of Honour, of the French National Merit, of the Academic Palms and of the National Order of Agriculture Merit.

Since 2008 he is an active member of the Mediterranean Universities Network for Sustainable Development focusing on Education for Sustainable Development.

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