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 IFPEN's policy of hosting PhD students forms one of the pillars of our scientific strategy. It gives students an opportunity to consolidate their training by carrying out advanced research and by working within an applied context, with an opening towards industry and future career opportunities.

From our point of view, it is a way of advancing our expertise and approaching original avenues for progress in order to overcome obstacles that have been identified in our innovation areas. This policy also helps to forge or strengthen links with academic research—in France and throughout Europe—and expands the network of scientific resourcing available to our researchers.

This year, the Scientific Board awarded the Yves Chauvin prize to **Étienne Jourdier** for his research on the " **production of cellulases by Trichoderma reesei for lignocellulosic biorefineries"**. During its deliberations, the Board praised the theoretical and experimental quality of the research, along with its major contribution to IFPEN's R&D potential in the field of **biotechnologies**.

We hope that you enjoy this issue,

Pierre-Henri Bigeard, Executive Vice-President

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