

La Rectrice

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To the members of CESAER General Assembly,

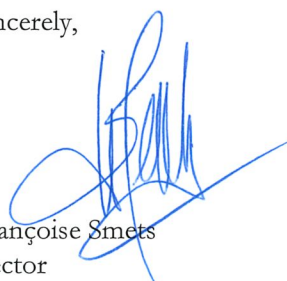
Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to offer my full support for Michel Verleysen's candidacy to the CESAER Board of Directors. UCLouvain is a comprehensive university, and Professor Verleysen is the Vice-Rector for the Science and Technology sector. In this role, he sits on the rector's council, the university's main executive board, and has full access to resources and information related to international affairs, policies, and the current challenges faced by universities with a strong Science and Technology component.

Through Professor Verleysen's participation on the CESAER Board, UCLouvain hopes to actively contribute to the CESAER strategy and work plan, particularly on topics related to research and teaching policy at the European level, and to new challenges in higher education and research, such as artificial intelligence, dual use, and responsible partnerships. Professor Verleysen has been the UCLouvain delegate to the CESAER General Assembly since 2017, and his candidacy is strongly supported by the three Belgian CESAER member universities. I have no doubt that his participation on the CESAER Board of Directors will greatly benefit all members.

I hope that you will support Michel's candidacy for the CESAER elections. I remain at your disposal for any additional questions.

Sincerely,



Françoise Smets
Rector

