



institut français  
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et de l'**équitation**

THE FRENCH

# H O R S E

AND RIDING INSTITUTE

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# SUPPORT ING

## THE EQUINE SECTOR

The IFCE contributes towards providing the sector's stakeholders with support on health and technical issues. It also monitors many countries and participates towards developing and promoting French horses and expertise around the world.

## ENSURING THE TRACEABILITY OF HORSES

Through its SIRE sanitary and zootechnical database, the IFCE is a benchmark in terms of identification and traceability in Europe and runs the WHIRDEC (World Horse Identification and Registration Data Exchange Committee).

It actively participates in discussions on European regulations, how they are implemented in various countries and their impact on the sector around the world. The IFCE is also the driving force behind the data exchange project between studbooks and central databases.



## SUPPORTING HIGH-LEVEL SPORT

### CONTRIBUTING TO POLICIES TO SUPPORT EQUESTRIAN SPORTS

The IFCE's high-level sport mission takes place within a partnership context with the Fédération Française d'Équitation (FFE - French equestrian federation).

In close connection with the FFE and the management teams, the IFCE hosts or supports clusters on its site:

- The French junior and senior eventing cluster
- The French vaulting cluster
- The expert dressage centre

These are leading facilities for applying policies relating to high-level sport developed by the IFCE. Supporting athletes from a "double project" perspective is a major objective of the scheme.



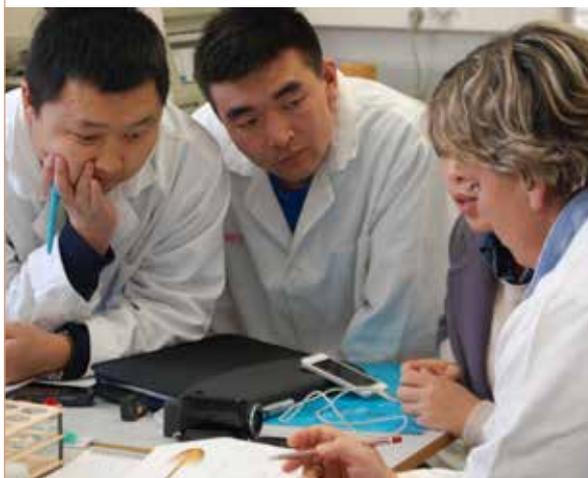
## TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT

Placed under the joint supervision of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry for Youth and Sports, the IFCE is a public institution in charge of supporting the development of the horse sector in France. It has a Higher School of the Horse and Horse Riding (École supérieure du cheval et de l'équitation - ESCE) located on two prestigious sites.

The ESCE was built around the Cadre Noir de Saumur on the Saumur site in the Pays de Loire region. It provides initial and advanced training for french and foreign students, teachers and competition riders.

The school benefits from the experience of Cadre Noir instructors who perpetuate equitation in the French tradition, which was incorporated into UNESCO's list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2011.

In Normandy, France's archetypal breeding region where many champions have been born, french and foreign students come for initial or vocational training at the Higher School of the Horse and Horse Riding on the estate of the Haras National du Pin. They benefit from the expertise of the best teachers in driving, riding and training young sport horses as well as research professors in breeding and farming.



**EQUI-RESSOURCES**, the cornerstone of employment and training in the French equine sector offers an English-language platform enabling any foreign employer or candidate to advertise or apply for job offers on [www.equiressources.fr](http://www.equiressources.fr). This international openness encourages exchanges within a globalised equine sector.



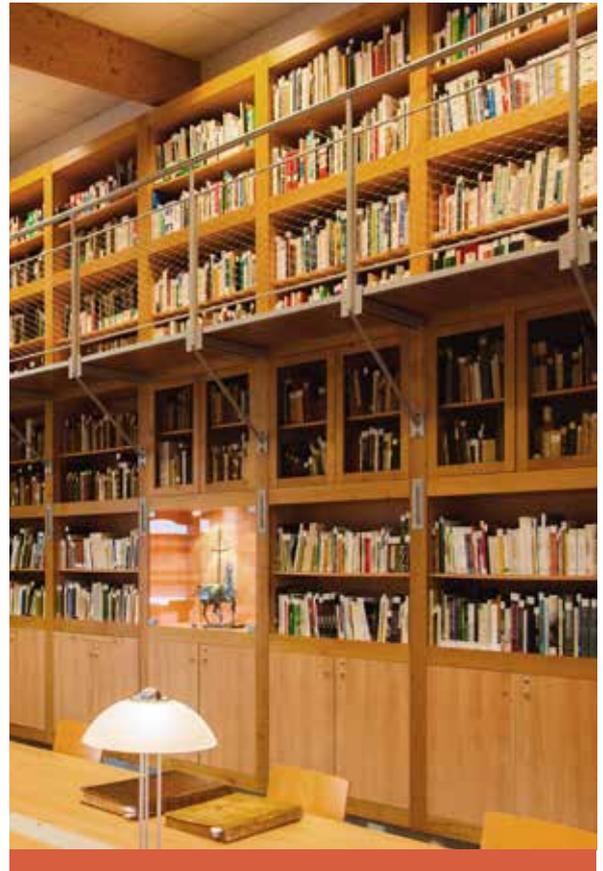
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## THE CADRE NOIR DE SAUMUR

With a prestigious heritage, the Cadre Noir offers the public the opportunity to discover its resources and its work to promote training and sports riding, but also its equestrian cultural heritage.

Through its galas and public presentations, the Cadre Noir also contributes towards promoting Equitation in the French tradition, which has been incorporated into UNESCO's list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. Its views on equestrianism are expressed through the teaching it does, its competition results and its public performances in France and abroad.



## DEVELOPING AND PASSING ON KNOWLEDGE

### RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The research and development engineers, as well as the IFCE's four technical platforms, are mobilized to answer the questions raised by the equine sector. The platforms group together horses, facilities and human resources. They are capable of accommodating trials. The projects focus on various themes to cover most of the equestrian world from breeding to competition.

### A MEDIA LIBRARY DEVOTED TO HORSES

Up-to-date collections of more than 50 000 references: scientific and technical articles from international equine research, equestrian magazines, specialized books, video resources... on [mediatheque.ifce.fr](http://mediatheque.ifce.fr)  
*25% of documents are in English (however, research in database requires French keywords).*

### INFO-CHEVAUX TOOL

Access to complete and certified information about horses registered in the French horses database, named «SIRE» (pedigree, progeny, performances, indexes, etc.), from your computer or any mobile device on [infochevaux.ifce.fr/en/](http://infochevaux.ifce.fr/en/)

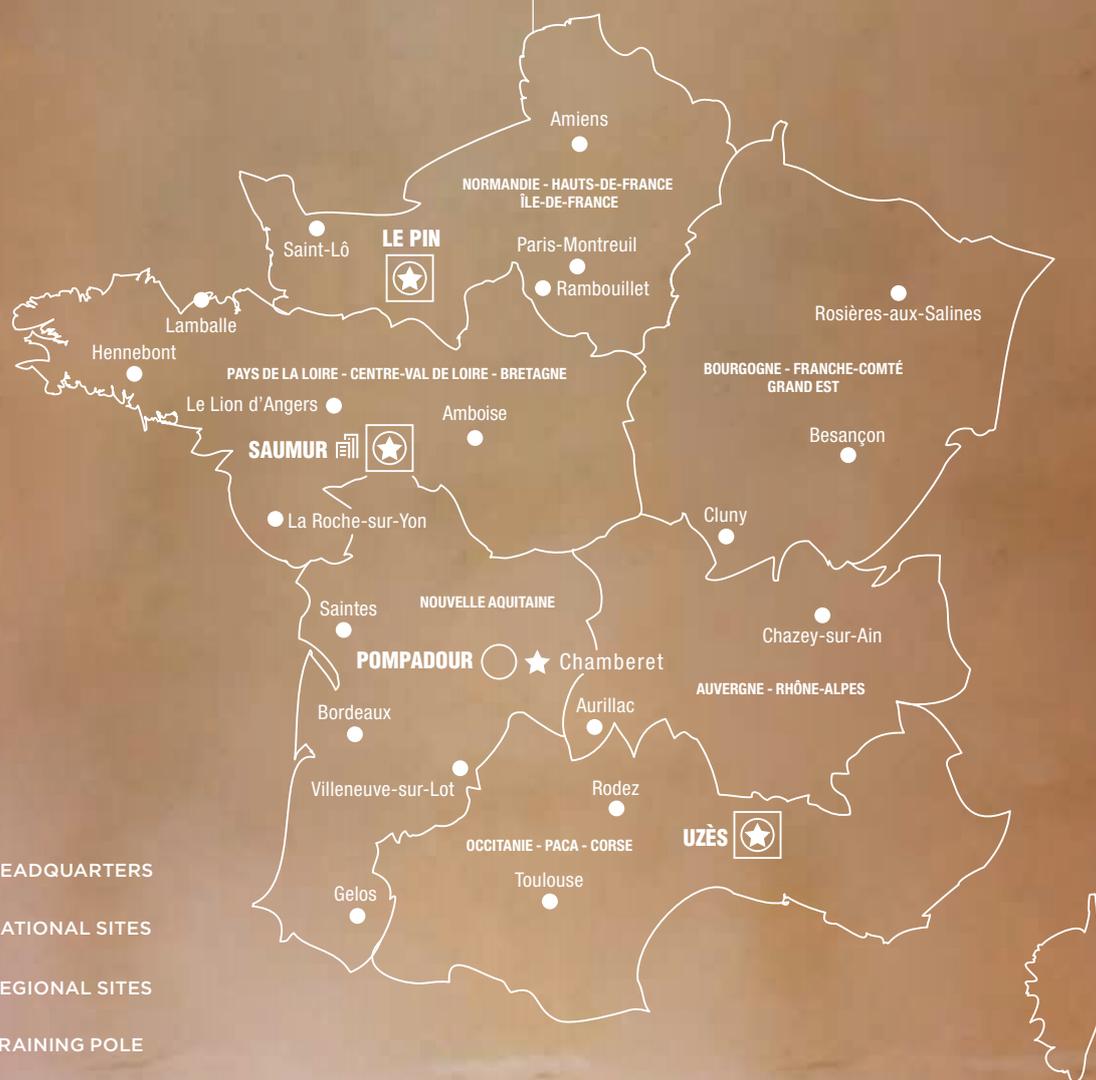
# EXPERTISE DEDICATED TO THE EQUINE SECTOR

The Institut Français du Cheval et de l'Équitation (IFCE) is the public body which supports the professional development of the equine sector. It arose from the merger of two entities in 2010: the Haras Nationaux (French National Stud) and the Cadre Noir de Saumur.

The IFCE is a technical institute which provides support and expertise and undertakes applied research. It works to produce and promote knowledge about horses in all the aspects and ways in which they are used: genetic, agricultural, environmental, economic, social, sporting, leisure and animal well-being.

## THE MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE IFCE ARE:

- ▶ The production and transfer of knowledge about horses and riding through:
  - Research, expertise and the communication of information;
  - Training professionals in the sector;
- ▶ Promoting tangible and intangible equestrian heritage;
- ▶ Contributing to policies to support equestrian sports;
- ▶ The health and zootechnical traceability of horses.



-  HEADQUARTERS
-  NATIONAL SITES
-  REGIONAL SITES
-  TRAINING POLE
-  RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTATION PLATFORMS:

- Le Pin: reproduction and genetic
- Saumur: horse riding and sports performance
- Chamberet: breeding, nutrition and health
- Uzès: endurance, horse driving and working horse

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