

JULY 2022 Newsletter



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Editorial by HEC Alumni

Dear alumni,

At this year's AGM, Jean-Paul AGON (H.78), Chairman of HEC Paris, presented the HEC Alum of the Year award to two graduates with remarkable careers.

Agnès PANNIER-RUNACHER (H.95), Minister for Energy Transition, France

and

Thomas JONAS (H.93), CEO of the start-up Nature's Fynd, USA.

The winners both spoke at the podium, reminding us of the importance of our role in society, particularly in the context of the multiple transitions (environmental, societal, geopolitical, technological ...) that the world is facing.

Agnès Pannier-Runacher:

"Basically, what is at stake today is the question of commitment! The challenge that falls to me is to set in motion the collective that we form... I would like to challenge you, in particular, on the issue of sobriety and the need to review our consumer behavior in depth... Help me, help France, help the European Union to get through this phase."

Thomas JONAS:

"We are living at an unprecedented moment since the Second World War when we must reinvent everything. My advice to budding entrepreneurs is that this is the time to dare... Every choice you make is going to have an impact, be aware of that... The advantage of all these changes is that they add up."

Congratulations to both award-winners!

Discover their profiles by clicking on their names above:

[Agnès PANNIER-RUNACHER \(H.95\)](#)

[Thomas JONAS \(H.93\)](#)

The essentials in 3 minutes

👉 Info

Back to School

Come back to HEC to take new programs at HEC Executive Education: managing teams through change, working on your intuition, Sustainable Transition Management, Data for CEOs...! Thanks to the Infinity Pass, you have access to HEC Paris Executive Education programs at preferential conditions: 1 free seminar to choose from among 5 programs once in your life, and a 30% discount on a large selection of the HEC Executive programmes. [For more information](#)

📊 Figure of the Month: 70,000

The HEC Alumni community continues to grow, and this year it comprises 70,000 graduates.

👉 The initiative

Leave your legacy in London!

With the prospect of HEC UK House running up to full speed next year, HEC Paris is already thinking of the programs, masterclasses, career events and research seminars it will host in London. The House will be a beacon for the international reputation of HEC Paris in one of its most important markets for candidate attraction and student placement.

A number of alumni have already pledged their support the HEC UK House fundraising campaign, through the HEC Foundation, to make this project possible for the school. To find out more please contact [Jean-François Baumann](#)

Your Association



28 September: Welcome party for the new 2022 graduates

Congratulations to HEC's new graduates! To introduce you to HEC Alumni, the Class of 2022 is invited to a warm and friendly welcome evening in the presence of Adrien Couret, President of HEC Alumni, Eloiç Peyrache, Dean of HEC Paris, and the presidents of our many clubs. [Register](#)

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A Fabulous Summer Party in London

HEC UK Summer Party was a joyful celebration on the terrace of the Royal Automobile Club. Chapter President Karim Saddi and HEC in the UK Director Delphine Mourot - Haxaire spoke of the successes of the HEC in the UK community in the first part of 2022. [Watch the video](#)



24 hours with Manuel Rabaté (H.01), Director of the Louvre Abu Dhabi

Appointed Director of the Louvre Abu Dhabi in 2016, Manuel Rabaté (H.01) is at the helm of the Arab world's first universal museum. The HEC Stories team spent the day with the man who wants to take the ambitious Franco-Emirati project to new horizons. [Find out more](#)



HEC Stories dedicates its major feature to Biodiversity.

The loss of biodiversity is a major ecological threat. To remedy it, a radical transformation of our economies is necessary. Only actions carried out by adopting a global approach to biodiversity and value chains, beyond any sectoral divide, by economic actors, public authorities and civil society will be able to initiate such a transition.

[Read the article](#)

[Consult HEC Alumni's White Paper on Biodiversity here](#)



Building a tighter HEC Alumni community across the world

HEC Alumni is happy to announce a collaboration with [Aluminary](#), a mobile platform to connect our alumni network. This unique network brings alumni groups together to share ideas, projects & opportunities locally, regionally or across the world. The app is currently being piloted by our chapters in South Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, and Indonesia.

Events not to be missed



Tuesday, 27 September: Shine at your next job interview

This webinar will enable you to go further by sharing the underlying principles of verbal communication behind a successful interview. It will help you answer with ease and poise even the trickiest of questions. The principles covered have enabled senior executives, managers, and high-level specialists to land remarkable jobs in coveted organizations - even in the challenging circumstances of a career change. [Register](#)

Consult the agenda for all our events [here](#)

On Campus



SAVE THE DATE: HEC Talks with Emmanuel Faber (H.86), 12 September

For the first HEC Talks of the new academic year, HEC is delighted to welcome Emmanuel Faber, former CEO of Danone and Chair of the International Sustainability Standards Board. The event will be organized from 20:00 to 21:15 CET. More details to follow.



A look back at the Eloquentia@HEC national competition!

Thanks to the generosity of donors and the BRED and the Michelin Corporate Foundation, the HEC Foundation is proud to support this eloquence contest created in 2018 in partnership with Eloquentia. This year, the HEC Paris campus welcomed 78 high school students, winners of their high school's eloquence contest. The students followed a week-long program of intensive workshops in public speaking in preparation for the final on July 18. It was also an opportunity for the school's Equal Opportunities Team to inform them about higher education options and to answer their questions, particularly about how to prepare for HEC Paris. The 8 high school finalists thrilled the Amphi Blondeau with their authentic and sincere speeches. It was Sharif Nefra, from Réunion who won over the jury with a moving speech on the theme "Are the silent accomplices?".

[Relive the evening by watching the replay \(in French only\).](#)

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