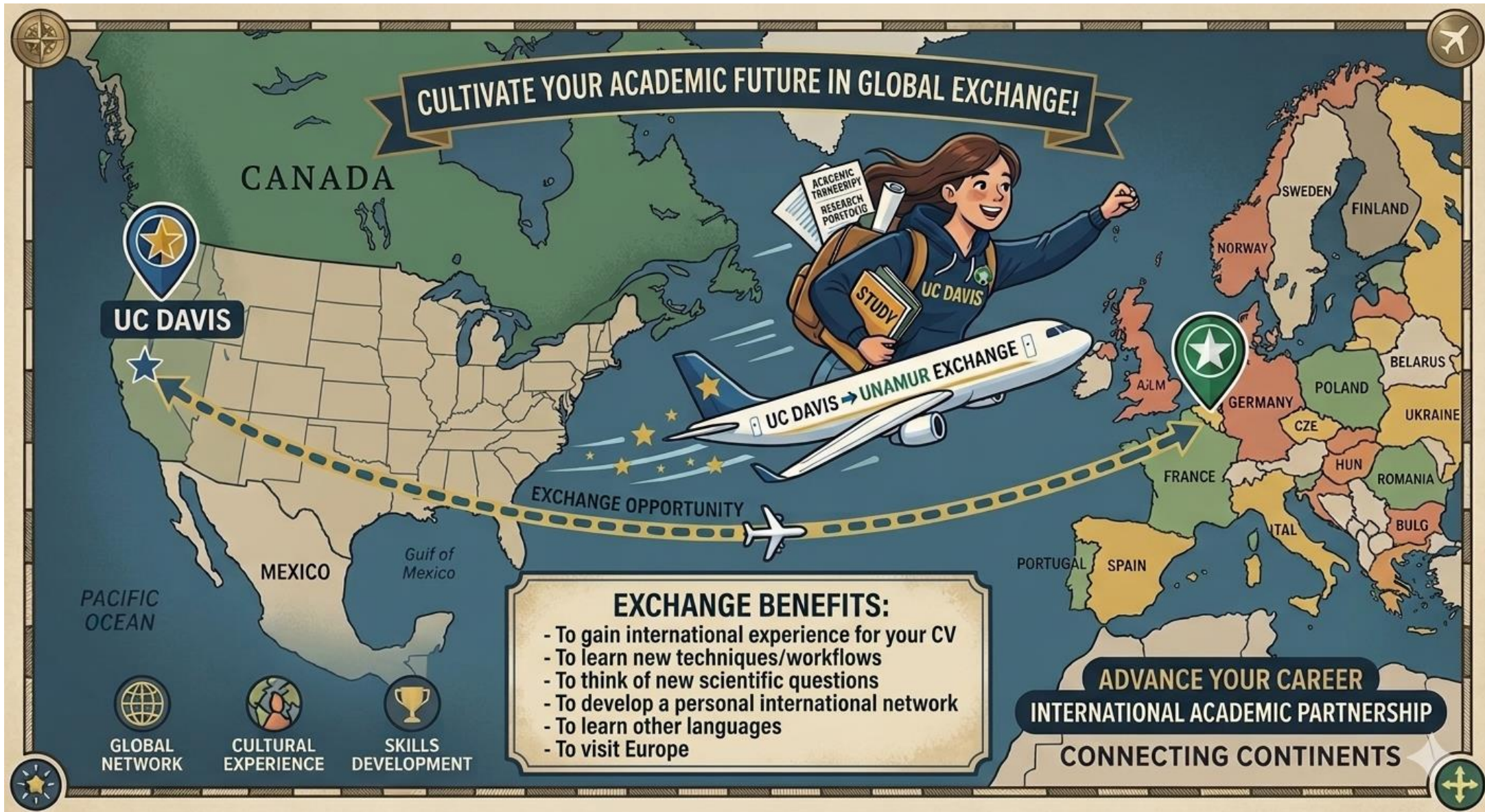


# Agreement of Cooperation and Exchange Opportunities between UC Davis and U Namur

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# Why to Travel Overseas ?



**CULTIVATE YOUR ACADEMIC FUTURE IN GLOBAL EXCHANGE!**

**UC DAVIS**

**EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITY**

**EXCHANGE BENEFITS:**

- To gain international experience for your CV
- To learn new techniques/workflows
- To think of new scientific questions
- To develop a personal international network
- To learn other languages
- To visit Europe

**ADVANCE YOUR CAREER**

**INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP**

**CONNECTING CONTINENTS**

**GLOBAL NETWORK**

**CULTURAL EXPERIENCE**

**SKILLS DEVELOPMENT**

**ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT**  
**RESEARCH PORTFOLIO**

**STUDY**

**UC DAVIS**

**UNAMUR EXCHANGE**

**CANADA**

**MEXICO**

**PACIFIC OCEAN**

**Gulf of Mexico**

**FRANCE**

**GERMANY**

**ITALY**

**PORTUGAL**

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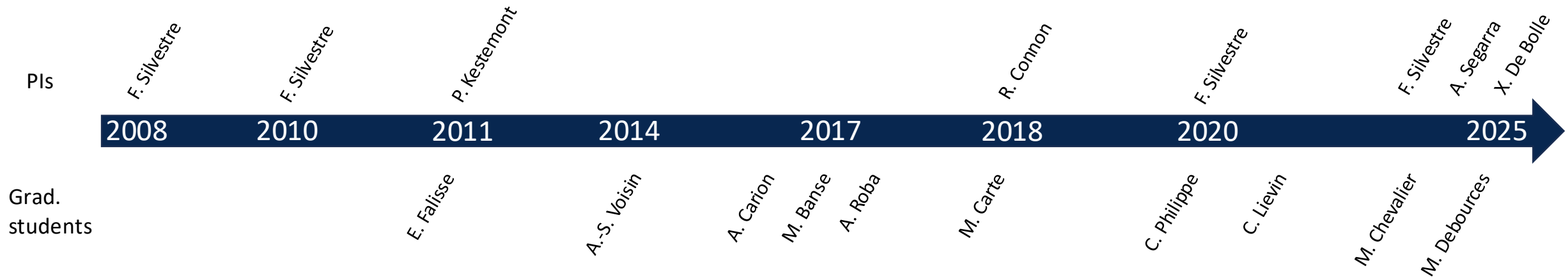
**ROMANIA**

**BULG**

**BELARUS**

**UKRAINE**

Since 2008, the partnership has facilitated exchanges for **5 PIs** and **10 graduate students**.



Across 7 main leading **UC Davis** groups:

- Dietmar Kültz** > Stress-Induced Evolution of Fish and Marine Invertebrates
- Andrew Whitehead** > Environmental, Ecological, and Evolutionary Genomics
- Andy Sih** > Behavioural Ecology
- Richard Connon (Emeritus)** > Environmental Toxicology
- Amélie Segarra** > Ecological Toxicology and Diseases
- Anne Todgham** > Environmental Physiology in a Changing Climate
- Renée Tsolis** > Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology





Agreement of Cooperation Number 2022-21

## AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION

BETWEEN

**UNIVERSITY OF NAMUR**  
Rue de Bruxelles 61, 5000 NAMUR  
BELGIUM

AND

**THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,  
ON BEHALF OF THE DAVIS CAMPUS**  
One Shields Avenue  
Davis, CA 95616  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



## Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility

### Handbook for Participating Organisations

**Projects 2023-2026 and 2026-2029**

- **Student and staff mobility (IN and OUT)**
  - *Students* -> minimum stay **2 months**, maximum **6 months**
    - Receive **travel grant** and **monthly expenses** grant
  - *Staff* -> minimum stay 5 working days, maximum 10 working days
    - Receive travel grant and daily expenses grant
  - Administration and funding handled by UNamur
    - Assistance offered regarding housing, visa, insurance, ...
  - **Different types of mobilities possible**
    - Students -> internship
    - Staff -> teaching or training mobility (or mixed)
- **Project duration 3 years (Aug 2026 – Jun 2029)**
- **Multiple mobilities possible of different types**



**Funded by  
the European Union**



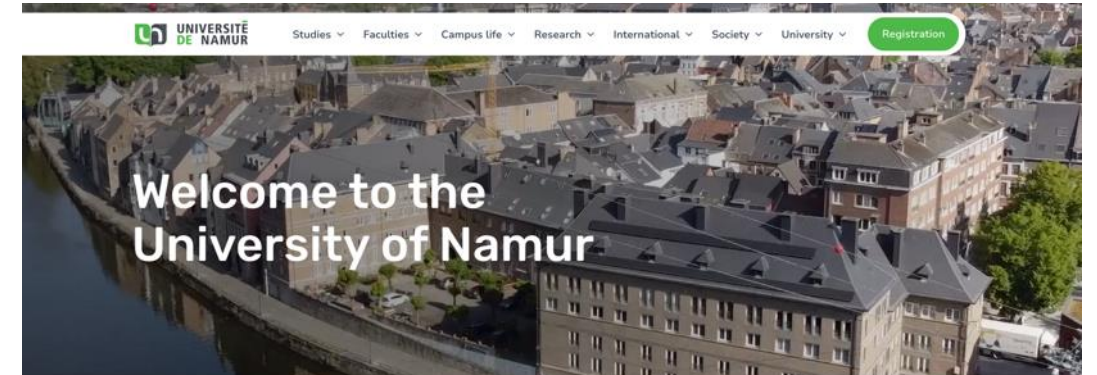
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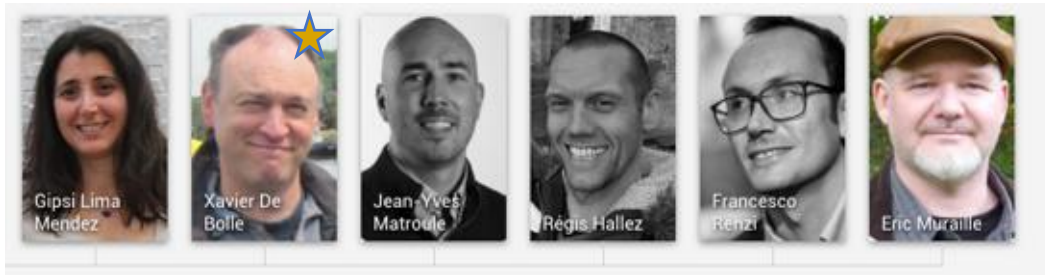
- 110 000+ citizens ; lovely and peaceful city in the heart of Belgium ; political capital of the Walloon Region
- Well connected nationally and internationally
  - Brussels: 65 km
  - Paris: 300 km
  - London: 430 km
  - Amsterdam: 265 km
- Full program in biology with diverse research units (18 PIs)



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Microbiology



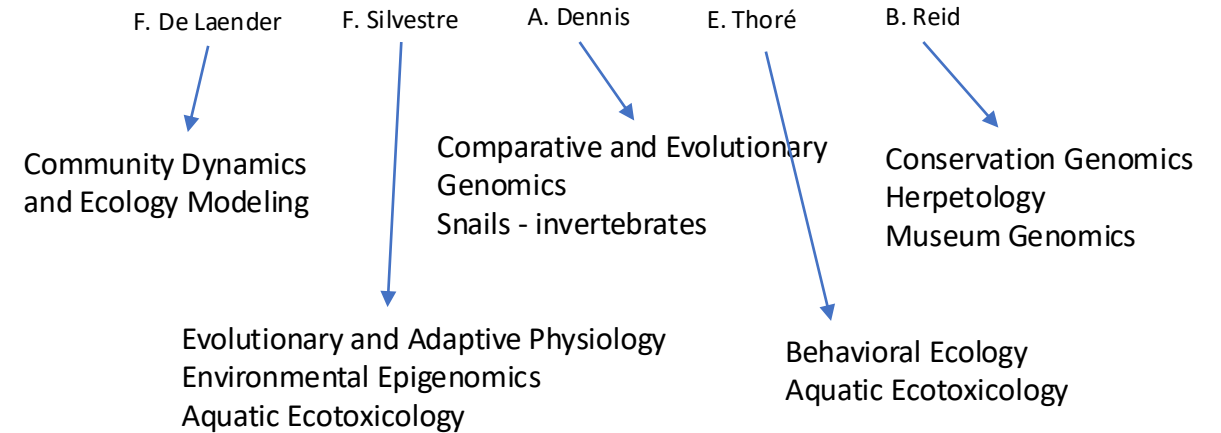
- *Caulobacter crescentus*, *Capnocytophaga canimorsus* and *Brucella sp.*
- functions, structure and interactions of proteins involved in cell cycle-associated processes, regulation of gene expression, metabolism, modulation of the host innate immune response
- enzyme engineering and dietary fibers production
- environmental detoxification



URBE

<https://www.unamur.be/en/science/biology/research/urbe>

Environmental and Evolutionary Biology





*Molecular and Cellular Biology*

<https://www.unamur.be/en/science/biology/research/urbc>



T. Amould    C. Michiels    P. Renard    H-F. Renard    A. Forrester

- cancer research
- organelle biology
- membrane dynamics and endocytosis
- homeostasis and endoplasmic reticulum

**Integrated Veterinary Research Unit**

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- Osteoarticular pathologies
- Virology
- Ethology
- Neonatology



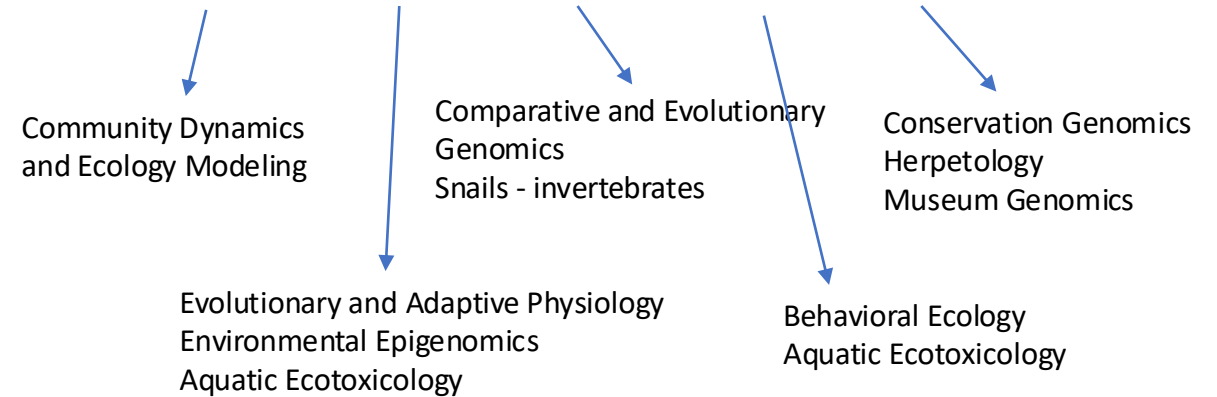
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*Environmental and Evolutionary Biology*



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*The slides can be found here:*

