



## Origins

---

AFAS Victoria was established in 1979 as a non-profit, voluntary association with the objective of facilitating Australian-French scientific and technological cooperation.

This it has done since its inception through collaboration with :

- **UbiFrance** (*L'Agence Française pour le Développement International des Entreprises* – French Agency for International Business Development) in France;
- local partners such as **FEAST-France** (the French chapter of the *Forum for European-Australian Science & Technology Cooperation*), **DIIRD** (the *Victorian Department of Innovation, Industry & Regional Development*) and corporate members;
- sister organisations in NSW and the ACT; and
- its various contacts in industry, the universities and other technological organisations.

## Activities

---

- Organisation and hosting of technical and scientific conferences, seminars, forums, workshops and visits, with the participation of Australian and/or French specialists
- Serving as a point of contact through established Australian-French links with Australian and French government departments, tertiary institutions, industry and other organisations
- Awarding, jointly with *FEAST-France*, of up to three annual post-doctoral study grants of \$5000
- Organisation of various informal functions offering members the opportunity to meet with others sharing their Australian-French interests
  - including plans for a chapter dedicated to young professionals
- Publication of a website with links to organisations and activities of interest.

## Benefits

---

- Assistance with establishing new contacts
- Invitations to participate in a wide range of activities – with discounted rates where applicable
- Access to *AFAS Victoria* and *FEAST-France* publications
- Access to the Members' Zone of the *AFAS Victoria* website.

For further information, please refer to the *AFAS Victoria* website at [www.afas.org.au/vic](http://www.afas.org.au/vic)  
or direct any e-mail enquiries to [mail.vic@afas.org.au](mailto:mail.vic@afas.org.au).