



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 the ACT and NSW; 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 of up to three annual post-doctoral Fellowships, embodying a grant of up to \$5000 for a study tour to France
- 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
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