

# Newsletter



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**Impact as a constant, driven by our collective commitment**

Just before the summer break, I shared with you the traditional [Dean's report](#), a summary of our school's major accomplishments during the last academic year.

Further to this report, I'm pleased to inform you that the new academic year has begun with a similar degree of success which we attribute to our purpose to make an impact and the collective commitment of our community.

**Commitment to increasing international diversity** on our campus, with the arrival of students from more than 100 different countries, including the first recipients of the "Imagine Fellows" program. This fellowship was created at the instigation of HEC alumnus Adrien Nussenbaum (H.01) and aims at recruiting brilliant students from countries at war, notably Afghanistan, Syria and Ukraine. We also welcomed the first 20 Lebanese students to benefit from the CMA-CGM social excellence scholarships and quadrupled the number of students on our "PACT Africa" program, recruited from the best academic institutions in West Africa.

**Commitment to ever greater academic excellence** with the arrival of 11 new professors from around the world, taking the HEC faculty beyond the symbolic mark of 120 research professors for the first time in its history. We are pleased to announce that, for the first time ever, we recruited more female than male professors!

**Commitment to the ecological and social transition of our world**, consistent with the school's Transition roadmap. In line with the [white paper on biodiversity](#), that our community produced before the summer, we have organized a series of conferences with keynote talks by [Emmanuel Faber](#) (H.86) and Jean-Marc Jancovici. The Chamonix seminar at the beginning of the school year, during which the MIM Grande Ecole students went through a transformative experience around the quest for meaning, was also very well received by our new students as part of their first steps at HEC.

**Finally, intergenerational commitment within our community**, with the wonderful companionship initiative "[Companionship – Starting up a purposeful career](#)". I would like to invite you all to get involved. Your support will be invaluable in helping M2 students to align their professional objectives with their personal aspirations.

I wish you all a great start to the rest of the year, full of impact and engagement.

## The 3-Minute Update

### 👉 Info

#### A New Dean of Faculty and Research at HEC Paris

The General Assembly of Professors was held at the beginning of July: on this occasion Prof. Andrea Masini, previously Associate Dean of MBA programs, was largely elected Dean of Faculty and Research at HEC Paris.

After seven years of exceptional work by the previous Dean, Jacques Olivier, Andrea Masini officially took office on September 1st.

### 👏 Initiative of the Month

#### HEC TOP EXECUTIVES Celebrates Its First Year

Launched last September as part of HEC Life Project, HEC Top Executives offers a specific coaching program designed exclusively for alumni that are CEOs, MDs or in C-level positions within major companies: exclusive events, "Between us" peer-to-peer discussion circles, an address book of leading experts, a book of Top Executives coaches, etc.

Would you like to know more? Please contact: [Marine Homo](#)

## Figure of the Month: 250

Did you know that HEC Life Project, the center dedicated to the support and professional development of HEC graduates, organized more than 250 coaching sessions and individual interviews(\*) last year? Would you like to be supported in your projects and learn more about the resources available to you? If so, please contact [Mathilde Courtois](#)

(\*) individual interviews are free for fee-paying members.

## Your Association



### Welcome Evening for New HEC Graduates – 28 Sept

Congratulations to all the new graduates of the Class of 2022. HEC Alumni invites you for a warm welcome to the Association in the presence of Adrien Couret (H.07), President of HEC Alumni and Eloïc Peyrache, Dean of HEC Paris. [Register now](#)

### Chapter Appointments

- [Jérémie Mani](#) (H.01) as Co-President of the [Canada-Quebec chapter](#), replacing [Emmanuel de Gouvello](#) (H.94). Congratulations to Jérémie who will work alongside [Anne-Véronique Guidollet](#) (H.94)!
  - [Ramendra Singh](#) (E.20) as President of the [India - New Delhi Chapter](#), replacing [Ashish Manchanda](#) (MBA.10).
- A very BIG thanks to Emmanuel & Ashish for their great work over the last few years.

### Read on HECSStories.fr



### 10 Questions on Inflation

Why does inflation suddenly reappear? Which sectors and companies benefit from inflation? What is the specific explanation for the rise in energy prices?... [Read the article](#)



### Khady-Dior Ndiaye (E.12): Changing the Game in Africa

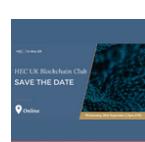
After a successful career in banking between Dakar and Abidjan, Khady-Dior Ndiaye (E.12) is now managing a hydrocarbon project in Senegal for the American group Kosmos Energy, which is likely to change the face of Africa. [Read her portrait](#)

## Meetings not to be missed



### Luxembourg: Sake Tasting - 22 Sept.

For the first season event, Iwao Okuyama (H.95) and Olivier Mennel (M. 2009) are delighted to invite you to a Sake tasting. Organized by the Luxembourg Chapter. [Registration](#)



### London: Blockchain and Sustainability - 28 Sept.

The panel composed of professionals from the blockchain infrastructure, VC community and sustainability experts will aim to provide a reality check about controversies and address how blockchain could be made more sustainable. Above all, it will also cover how blockchain could be used as a catalyst for sustainable projects. Organized by the UK Blockchain Chapter. [Registration](#)



### Germany: HEC Alumni Dinner - 17 Oct.

For our first edition in August, we are excited to invite you to a 2nd dinner in the Ruhrgebiet. Organized by the Germany Chapter. [Registration](#)

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

## On the Campus



### Emmanuel Faber (H.86) at HEC Talks

The former CEO of Danone, Emmanuel Faber, was the first guest of the new season of HEC Talks on 12 September. Now president of the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB), he was particularly eagerly awaited on campus as the new school year began and climate issues became the focus of attention, a few years after his memorable speech at a commencement ceremony.

Speaking to more than 1,000 students (and 6,500 online spectators), Emmanuel Faber wanted to deliver a message of responsibility, but also of hope. Of course, climate and environmental issues require strong actions from political decision-makers, an evolution of the economic system, with more social justice, but above all they require a collective commitment, where the new generations will have their place: "We need you to change the economy, and to redefine a new sustainable prosperity for all. [Watch the replay of the conference](#)



### Back to Chamonix

All students in the MIM (Grande Ecole) program follow the "Purpose & Sustainability" course, designed by the Society & Organizations Institute (S&O), and which extends over the entire academic program. In the first year, this course begins even before their arrival on campus: since 2019, new students meet at the end of August for an itinerary through the Chamonix valley, marked by inspiring experiences and encounters.

The students are directly confronted with the major challenges related to the ecological and social transition, and also reflect on the issues of meaning, mission, the fragility of mankind and the world, surpassing oneself and the responsibility of each individual.

This year's edition of the seminar was an outstanding experience for all the students, like Terence Jimblet (H.26): "The most intense moment: when we were in front of the Sea of Ice. We realized that it would also be up to us, when we are later in business (...), to ensure that it respects for the environment is guaranteed and to ensure that we accelerate this ecological transition (...)."

### A New School Year Full of Events for the Foundation

September is always a time for meetings and reunions, especially at the beginning of the new school year, with the welcoming of students who are beneficiaries of the PACT Africa, HEC Imagine Fellows and CMA CGM Excellence Fund for Lebanon programs! The scholarship ceremonies organized for the 11 new PhD students, the international MBA and Masters students are also moments of emotion, inspiration and transmission. This year, the students will have had the chance to meet Sylvia Métayer (H.86), Nathalie Perakis-Valat (H.93) & Alexis Perakis-Valat (H.93), three personalities strongly committed to HEC. October will offer the occasion to gather the whole HEC community for the Foundation's Annual Evening which will be available online on Thursday, October 6th at 7pm. [Registration](#)

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