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Michael Lecourt of the technological institute FCBA has just been named member of the association **ERGS : Eminent Refiner Greenwood Scientist**.

This ERGS association gathers every two years 40 researchers and international scientists recognized for their works in the field of mechanical pulp. These meetings allow to share and to create privileged links between people and institutes. They are also the opportunity to deepen fundamental or applied aspects concerning the mechanical pulp.

The idea to create such an association was launched in 1976 in Canada and gathers today all the countries which act in mechanical pulp: From Scandinavian countries to the United States or Canada, including France and Germany and quite recently China.

Michel Petit-Conil, responsable des nouveaux matériaux à FCBA et de l'unité scientifique et technologique dédiée aux pâtes vierges au CTP (Centre technique du papier) est le premier membre français de cette association. Michael Lecourt qui travaille dans son équipe et expert dans la pâte mécanique l'a rejoint depuis le 25 juin 2011.

Michel Petit-Conil, in charge of the new materials in FCBA and of the scientific and technological unity dedicated to virgin pulp in the CTP (The Pulp and Paper Research & Technical Centre) is the first French member of this association. Michael Lecourt who works in his team and is an expert in the mechanical pulp joined him since the 25th of June 2011.

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