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# VINCENT LAUDET

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## Topics

- Environment
- Society

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Born in 1963, Vincent Laudet is currently director of the Marine Station of Banyuls-sur-Mer and professor at the Pierre and Marie Curie University (Paris VI). After obtaining his PhD in biology at the Pasteur Institute in Lille in 1992 he founded a research team working on the role of hormones in cancer. From 1997 to 2015 he was a professor at the ENS de Lyon, before he became director of the Institute of Functional Genomics of Lyon in 2008.

Vincent Laudet is a researcher who is able to passionately expound upon contemporary biology, mixing input from health sciences with those of environmental science and ecology. His research explored how the hormones that control entire areas of human health also play a major role in the evolution of organisms and their ability to adapt to climate change. He continued his research by characterizing how hormones control the life cycle of organisms in coral reefs and how environmental pollutants disrupt this complex dialogue.

His critical view of the organization and isolation of French research has been fed by the expertise he gained during his evaluation of research performed for numerous French and foreign government agencies. Working with the marine station of Banyuls-sur-Mer, he seeks to break down barriers in marine biology and oceanography, to allow citizens, civil society, politicians and industrialists to be a part of research effort. His stance is that the future organization of our entire society will effectively depend on the results of this research.

He has published over 200 scientific articles in international journals, participated in the writing of ten books and published numerous articles explaining his work in simple terms to access a wider audience. He is also constantly in the media to explain the positive and negative implications of the ongoing genomics revolution, and to explain the biological hidden springs of our behaviours.

Vincent Laudet is full of style, boundless energy, and an insatiable appetite for discussion and rewarding confrontation. He is a charismatic teacher who never avoids difficult questions. He dissects complex situations and explains their key elements, their constraints and their determinants. Vincent Laudet is an incisive and constructive mind with a thirst for knowledge that is never quenched.