

## Stéphane Jézéquel appointed Chief Scientific Officer of ARVALIS - Institut du Végétal



*Stéphane Jézéquel will assume the position of Scientific Director of ARVALIS - Institut du Végétal on January 1, 2021, replacing Philippe Gate who is retiring.*

Stéphane Jézéquel is a 55-year-old agronomist from ENSA Toulouse. He has developed his scientific expertise and field experience since joining the ITCF in 1990 as a regional engineer in the PACA region (south east of France).

On the strength of his forward-looking and systemic vision of agriculture, invested in particular in the actions of the durum wheat sector and confronted from the beginning of the 2000s with the impacts of climate change on the profitability and quality of cereal production in the Southeast, he directed the work of the Gréoux experimentation station, which he leads, towards the search for ways of adaptation by weaving regional, national and international partnerships.

Alongside the CEO, Norbert Benamou, Stéphane Jézéquel will be in charge of monitoring and forecasting to define the institute's scientific strategy and will support the management of the program.

*"Convinced of the importance of high level collaborative applied research as a driving force for success in the agro-ecological transition, I wish, in the framework of my new position, to federate around Arvalis' field skills, industries, territories and citizens around a common goal: good, healthy and quality food adapted to the markets on the one hand, a profitability of agricultural activity and sustainable agro-ecological evolution trajectories on the other hand"* he declares.

### About ARVALIS - Institut du végétal

ARVALIS - Institut du végétal is an applied agricultural research organization dedicated to field crops: straw cereals, corn, sorghum, potatoes, fodder, flax fiber and tobacco. Created by farmers, it mobilizes its expertise for the emergence of production systems that reconcile economic competitiveness, market adaptation and the environment. It places technological innovation as a major tool for producers and companies in the sector to meet the challenges facing society.

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