

Gilles ROUSSEL, President of CPU – Conférence des présidents d’université



Gilles Roussel, 48, former student at the *École Normale Supérieure* (1988-1992), was granted his PhD in computer science prepared at INRIA (*Institut national de recherche en informatique et en automatique*) from the *Université Pierre et Marie Curie* in 1994 and has been accredited to supervise research (*HDR*) by the *Université de Marne-la-Vallée* (UPEM) in 2003. He has been a professor at UPEM since 2004 where he started his career as *Maître de conférences* (senior lecturer) in 1994, and is now full professor. From 1998 to 2005, he was also a part time teacher at the *École Polytechnique*.

In the course of his first years at the newly created UPEM, Gilles Roussel took several responsibilities in the field of research, as well as in education, from the design and supervision of new courses to the vice-presidency of the Commission of Specialists in computer science. He became director of the *Laboratoire d’informatique Gaspard-Monge* (Joint Research Unit involving CNRS, UPEM, ENPC and ESIEE Paris) in 2004 for a three-year period and deputy director for another five-year period. He was elected a member of the scientific council of UPEM in 2004 and held this position until 2009. In 2009, he became UPEM vice-president in charge of academic and vocational education. Gilles Roussel was elected president of UPEM in 2012 and re-elected in 2016 for a four year mandate.

After his election as president of the Commission for Training and Vocational Integration at the *Conférence des Présidents d’Universités* (CPU) in 2012 and his re-election in 2014, Gilles Roussel was elected president of the CPU in December 2016 and re-elected in 2018 for two years.

Gilles Roussel is currently involved in the development of the Gustave Eiffel University, which brings together six training and research institutions with recognised specialisations in the fields of sustainable cities and transport, combining their skills and know-how to create a world-class university.

Gilles Roussel has co-authored articles and books in the fields of computer languages and network programming and design. He also co-authored two reports for the French government in 2015 on “Rare disciplines” and the creation of the *Grande école du numérique*.