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# Nestlé Research Center partners with ESPCI ParisTech for a three-year sponsorship

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The Nestlé Research Center (NRC) in Lausanne, Switzerland hosted last Thursday engineering students from ESPCI ParisTech (École supérieure de physique et de chimie industrielles) in Paris, France, to learn about Nestlé's food science and technology activities.

This special visit by ESPCI students follows the September 2012 kick-off of Nestlé's sponsorship of ESPCI's Class of 2016. This unique partnership, the first between ESPCI and a food company, was created to reinforce training and scientific exchange between ESPCI and Nestlé.

It is a key objective of the Nestlé Research Center to partner with universities and research institutions for knowledge exchange and education. Nestlé and ESPCI have previously partnered for research collaborations and several ESPCI students have completed successful internships with Nestlé R&D.

Dr. Marco Ramaioli, Nestlé scientist coordinating the collaboration said, "For Nestlé, our partnership with ESPCI will foster interaction and collaboration with students, including introducing them to the multidisciplinary aspects of food science, food engineering and to career opportunities in the food industry."

Brigitte Beaussart, Head of ESPCI Industrial Relations added, "This partnership with Nestlé provides a mutual benefit. Our students gain awareness about Nestlé and its values, its scientific activities related to product development, the challenges faced by the food industry and the drive for innovation".

Several other events are planned during the three-year partnership, including the sharing and discussion of common research themes between the students and Nestlé, further visits and career days.

"Engineering is strategic for our research", added Dr. Ramaioli of Nestlé. "Our engineers and food technologists collaborate to develop and integrate new technologies and processes. This keeps us at the forefront of innovation and ensures our products are of the utmost quality and safety."

"It is a great value for our students to gain real-world experience and to have the opportunity to interact with international companies and potential employers like Nestlé," concluded Ms. Beaussart.

ESPCI is a world-class engineering school where education, research and innovation are generated at the crossroads of knowledge and applications in physics, chemistry and biology. Strong interactions between ESPCI and industry provide the students with real-life experimental skills and scientific reasoning.

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