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His work with Université de Bordeaux 1, and then with University of Bordeaux

As a graduate of the Ecole Normale Supérieure Paris-Saclay, Dean Lewis completed a doctoral thesis in electronics on a subject involving laser physics, acoustics and microelectronics, at the Laboratoire Ondes et Matière d'Aquitaine (LOMA), which was part of Université de Bordeaux 1. He was appointed University Professor in 2005, and between 2006 and 2010, he headed the Physics Department.

While continuing his activities as a research professor, Dean Lewis was actively involved in the institutional life of Université de Bordeaux 1, where he was appointed Vice President of the Scientific Advisory Committee, before being elected President in 2012.

During his term of office, he actively participated, alongside the Presidents of the other Bordeaux universities, in award-winning projects, including Opération Campus, Investissements d'Avenir, and IDEX. He was heavily involved in the process of merging three of the four public universities in Bordeaux, which led to the creation of the Université de Bordeaux in 2014.

He was elected Vice President of the Board of Directors when Manuel Tunon de Lara was elected President, and when the latter was re-elected in 2018, he was appointed Vice President for Human Resources and was elected Vice President of the Academic Advisory Committee.

Involved in the university's partnership relations, he represents Université de Bordeaux in several national and regional bodies. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Cocktail Association, a member of the Aerospace Valley Cluster's Board of Directors, and a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee at Nanoelec IRT. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Institut d'Optique Graduate School. He has also chaired 5 institutional evaluation committees for the Haut Conseil de l'Evaluation de la Recherche et de l'Enseignement Supérieur (HCERES). In January 2022, he was elected President of the Université de Bordeaux, succeeding Manuel Tunon de Lara.

His work with France Universités

Dean Lewis first joined France Universités in 2012, when he was elected President of Université de Bordeaux 1. Thereafter, in his successive roles as Vice President, he became fully involved with the VPCA and then the VPRH associations.

When he was elected President of the Université de Bordeaux in January 2022, he became a member of France Universités again and took over the interim presidency of the Resources and Personnel Committee in September 2022. He was solicited for his expertise on budgetary and HR issues and was very active in the proposals for changes in the implementation of the Loi de Programmation de la Recherche (LPR).

At a meeting of the General Assembly on December 15, 2022, he was elected Vice President of France Universités, alongside Guillaume Gellé, President, who is also President of Université de Reims Champagne-Ardenne, and Virginie Dupont, Vice President, who is also President of Université Bretagne Sud.

In their policy statement as candidates, the three members of the new Executive Committee proposed to carry on implementing the initiatives presented at the annual congress held on January 13, 2022, as well as a change in the organization of France Universités to better align with those initiatives.