



PRESS RELEASE

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David Louapre wins Jean Perrin prize

David Louapre, a researcher at Saint-Gobain, has been awarded the Jean Perrin prize by the *Société Française de Physique* (the main professional body of French physicists) for his contribution to promoting the sciences to a wider audience through his YouTube channel “Science étonnante” (astounding science), and the associated blog.

David Louapre, 39 years old, is a graduate of the Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Lyon. In 2004, he defended his doctoral thesis on quantum gravity. After receiving his doctorate, he was hired as a researcher at Saint-Gobain. Today, he is in charge of Sciences and Technology at the Chanteraine R&D Center, near Compiègne (France), one of the Group’s eight major cross-business R&D centers in the world.

“We are very proud of David and very happy for him too”, says Armand Ajdari, Vice President, Research & Development and Innovation, for the Saint-Gobain Group. “It is outstanding recognition of his huge talent as a communicator. He has a distinct aptitude for explaining scientific concepts in a way that can be understood by everyone, both on his YouTube channel and his blog and as part of his work at Saint-Gobain. In particular, he is the co-author and presenter of the “I PHYZ GOOD” series that Saint-Gobain has produced about the various aspects of comfort in buildings in partnership with the String Theory YouTube scientific channel.”

The Jean Perrin prize is awarded by the Société Française de Physique and pays tribute to the eminent French scientist who worked on making science more accessible to the general public. He created, in particular, the Palais de la Découverte on the occasion of the Universal Exhibition of 1937. Since 1973, this prize has been awarded annually by the Council of the Société Française de Physique following a proposal by a panel of nine prominent figures, four of whom

are not physicists. The prize recognizes the commitment of French researchers to popularizing the sciences.

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