



## Patricia Ricard

President, *Institut océanographique Paul Ricard*

Patricia Ricard's commitment to defending the environment dates back to 1991 when she launched the *Les Mardis de l'Environnement* cycle of conferences and became a member of the Executive Board of the *Institut océanographique Paul Ricard*.

As an autodidact, it is through her actions that Patricia Ricard acquired her scientific and technical expertise in issues linking economics and ecology. She has presented broadcasts dedicated to the environment on a range of media (*MCM, Planète, RFI, Radio de la Mer*), and was a member of the *Conseil Économique Social et Environnemental* (CESE) (Economic, Social and Environmental Council) from 2010 to 2015, where she presented the report: *Le biomimétisme : s'inspirer de la nature pour innover durablement* ('Biomimetics: taking inspiration from nature to innovate sustainably').

Since 2005, she has been President of the *Institut océanographique Paul Ricard*, located on the island of Les Embiez (SE France). The mission of the Institute, which celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016, is to provide nature-based solutions to reduce or eliminate pollution and damage resulting from human activity in the marine environment and the coastal zone.

Patricia Ricard is today committed to highlighting the essential role played by the Ocean and biodiversity in our response to mitigate and adapt to climate change and to raise awareness and mobilise public opinion and the decision-makers regarding these issues.

She is Vice-President of the **Ocean & Climate Platform**, a coalition of a hundred or so organisations acting to protect the Ocean and the climate in the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 13 and 14), and which supports the inclusion of the Ocean in the agenda of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). It is in this capacity that she works to build bridges between the scientific community and the political and economic deciders, and provides assistance to industrial groups for their transition planning.

In 2019, she co-directed the workstream *Renforcer la résilience des écosystèmes marins* ('Strengthening the resilience of marine ecosystems') of the **One Planet Lab**, an initiative of President Macron, the results of which were presented at the One Planet Summit in Nairobi and Biarritz as G7 summit side events. She was also nominated as Lead of the French delegation at the *Sommet des Deux Rives* (Two Shores Summit).

2019-2021

- Member of the *Comité France Océan*, ministry of Ecological Transition
- Lead of the French delegation *Sommet des Deux Rives* (Two Shores Summit)

2018

- Coordinator of the Blue Belt Initiative roadmap for African fisheries
- Pro bono assistance in strategic planning for transition for industrial groups in various sectors (agribusiness, international shipping, metallurgy and water management)

2017

- Vice-President and spokesperson of the Ocean & Climate Platform
- TEDx Marseille

2016-2017

- UN Ocean Conference, Side Event
- After speaking on fisheries in 2016, she addressed the conference in 2017 as a member of the French delegation
- Auditor of the Mediterranean Foundation of Strategic Studies

2015

- Rapporteur to the CESE (Economic, Social and Environmental Council) for a study on biomimetics and sustainable development: *'Le biomimétisme, comment s'inspirer de la nature pour innover durablement'* ('Biomimetics: taking inspiration from nature to innovate sustainably'), which was unanimously adopted
- TEDx Sorbonne

2013-2014

- Founding member of CEEBIOS, the European Centre of Excellence in Biomimetics of Senlis (2014)
- Board member of the Veolia Foundation (2014)
- Founding member of the Ocean & Climate Platform (2014)
- Joined the French naval volunteer reserve with the rank of *Capitaine de Corvette* (lieutenant-commander), attached to the French naval academy in Paris (*Centre d'Études Supérieures de la Marine*) (2013)

2011-2012

- Executive Board member of the *Société des Eaux de Marseille* (2012)
- Executive Board member of the French national parks authority (*Établissement Public des Parcs Nationaux de France*) (2011)

2009-2010

- Member of the Special Commission on terminology and neologisms relative to the environment set up by the Ministry of Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and the Sea (2010)
- Appointed to the Economic, Social and Environmental Council (CESE) as a specialist in environmental issues (2010)
- Permanent member of the Advisory Board for the French Southern and Antarctic Lands - TAAF (2009)
- Participated in the *Grenelle de la Mer, Groupe 3*, (national multi-stakeholder environmental consultative body) and in the Operational Committee for Research (2009)
- Radio broadcasts: *Radio de la Mer* and *Radio France International (RFI)*

2007-2008

- Technical consultant on sustainable development for the Var Chambers of Commerce and Industry (2008)
- Executive Board member of WWF France (2008)
- Executive Board member of the European Institute of Ecology (2007)

1998-2001

- Presenter of a 52-minute weekly programme on nature and the environment on the *Planète Forum* channel

1995-2008

- Created, launched and presented the magazine programme *Vert de Terre* on MCM

Dès 1992

- Chair and organizer of numerous documentary film festivals related to the human sciences and nature
- At the Davos World Economic Forum in 1999, she was ahead of her time in showing a targeted series of industrial films related to environmental issues

1991

- Created with Marie-Pierre Cabello '*Les Mardis de l'Environnement*'. She chaired and managed this monthly cycle of conferences providing a forum for discussions between experts and environmental stakeholders until 2016

1986

- Patricia Ricard was appointed to the Executive Board of the *Institut océanographique Paul Ricard*, founded in 1966 by her grandfather, Paul Ricard, a captain of industry who was ahead of his time as an ecologist. The Institute's mission is '*Connaître, faire connaître et protéger la mer*' (to understand the sea, to describe it and to protect it). She has been president of the Institute since 2005

## Decorations awarded

to Patricia Ricard:

- Chevalier of the *Ordre national de la Légion d'Honneur* (2013),
- Chevalier of the *Ordre national du Mérite Maritime* (2010),
- Chevalier of the *Ordre national du Mérite, for the Environment* (2007).

## Directorships and corporate mandates

held by Patricia Ricard (to December 1<sup>st</sup> 2020):

**Institut océanographique Paul Ricard** → President

**Société SA Paul Ricard** → Member of the Supervisory Board

**Société des Eaux de Marseille** → Member of the Executive Board

**Fondation d'entreprise Veolia Environnement** → Member of the Executive Board

**CITEO** → Chair of the Mission Committee

**IRD (*Institut de recherche pour le développement*)** → Member of the Executive Board

**Ocean & Climate Platform** → Member of the Executive Board

**TAAF (*Terres Australes et Antarctiques Françaises*)** → Permanent Member of the Advisory Council

**Parc National marin des Glorieuses** → Member of the Executive Board

**Parc National des Calanques** → Member of the Executive Board

**MNHN (*Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle*)** → Member of the Board of Administration of the Endowment Fund *Muséum pour la Planète*

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