

A full tutoring and support system

In order to help teachers implement inquiry-based science education in the classroom, a whole system was designed in France to support them:

THE NATIONAL TEAM OF THE *LA MAIN A LA PATE* FOUNDATION:

Gathering twenty persons (scientists, teachers, projects administrators) in its installations in Paris, *La main à la pâte* is an innovative pole, in France and abroad, with a recognized expertise in science education in school. It leans on a wide network of institutional partners (ministerial directorates, agencies and public institutions, foundations, associations).

THE SUPPORTING SYSTEM

- A **large network** of resources persons and associated trainers in France and abroad, all main actors and practioners of science and technology education;
- **Dissemination, empowering and public awareness** of inquiry-based science education (IBSE) through conferences and seminars, expertise and recommendations, evaluation and assessment, training and publications;
- Involvement of the **scientific community**, particularly through teachers coaching;
- Elaboration and dissemination of free pedagogical and scientific **resources**;
- **Networking** of teachers, trainers and scientists, through field exchanges and Internet services;
- Large number of **on-line services** and resources (learning units and scientific documents), principally for teachers and trainers, on a website with several thousand pages (www.fondation-lamap.org).

This implementation leans on the network of *La main à la pâte* **pilot centres**, which plays a prominent role for implementation and dissemination of good practices, as well as for assessing the impact of IBSE methods on teachers and pupils.

Documentation :

[Download an example of activities proposed to the teachers.](#)

[Download the methodological guide on the inquiry-based science education in class.](#)

[Download the guide on the creation of an experimental center.](#)

[Download the guide on the tutoring of the teachers by the scientists.](#)

[Download the recommendations of the workgroup of InterAcademy Panel on the implementation of the inquiry-based science education.](#) Document in french/english/spanish