



## 2022 INPI AWARDS MEET THE 15 FINALISTS AND JURY CHAIR BERNARD REYBIER (FERMOB)

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Launched in 1991, **the INPI Awards recognize and reward companies** – like Devialet, Agriconomie, Moustache Bikes and Bioret Agri – **that embody French innovation at its best and whose industrial property strategies serve as an example to others. The INPI Awards also highlight businesses' capacity to manage their intangible assets and integrate them effectively into their development strategy** (to generate revenue, attract talent, create new products, develop exports, forge partnerships or raise funds).

This year, the jury is led by Bernard Reybier, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Fermob, which won an INPI Award in 2013.

**Fifteen SMEs and start-ups are in the running** to become symbols of French innovation. They're competing for awards in the following **five categories**:

- Export
- Industry
- Responsible Innovation
- Research Partnership
- Start-Up

As in previous years, potential candidates – innovative companies with plenty of promise – are identified throughout the year by our Customer Relations Officers, who are present throughout France to meet with local businesses and help them with their industrial property procedures.

The selected candidates then submit an application, which is used by an internal jury to shortlist three companies for each category. **These are the 15 finalists we're pleased to present to you today.**

During the next phase of the process, a winner will be chosen for each category by a jury made up of around 15 innovation experts (see page 3 for details).

**Read on to discover the inspiring stories behind these companies, which have made innovation a key component of their growth by adopting an assertive, coherent industrial property strategy.**

**THIS YEAR'S WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON 30 NOVEMBER 2022**

## BERNARD REYBIER (FERMOB), CHAIR OF THE 2022 INPI AWARDS

**Bernard Reybier, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Fermob, has kindly agreed to chair the 2022 INPI Awards.**



Now Chairman of Fermob, Bernard Reybier began his career – after graduating from EM Lyon business school – in the export business, before working for an American multinational to “learn about marketing from the experts”. He went on to lead the sales teams of a large French agri-food company before deciding to take over a small, 10-person metal workshop called Fermob in 1989. Three decades later, Fermob is a world leader in outdoor furniture and accessories, with more than 400 employees and €150 million in annual revenue.

A firm believer in knowledge transfer and experience sharing, Bernard sits on the boards of various companies and professional associations (foreign trade advisor, Lyon City Demain, VIA/Le French Design, Crédit Agricole’s regional bank in Central-Eastern France). He is also Chairman of the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes regional branch of the Family Business Network, which addresses issues relating to shareholder governance in multi-generational family businesses.

“I immediately accepted the offer to lead the jury for the 2022 INPI Awards – an honour for me and for my company – because as a former award winner and the leader of a growing business, I have a duty to share my experience and pass on my expertise. On a more selfish note, chairing this jury is also an opportunity for me to continue to learn, meet new entrepreneurs and further enhance my knowledge of intellectual property. As a result, I hope to be able to talk even more convincingly about IP, within my company and my professional circles, and to encourage VIA members to ask themselves the right questions. **The more French businesses seize the opportunities offered by intellectual property – and not just through patents but also trademarks and designs – the more France’s whole economy will benefit.**”

For more information, [read the interview with Bernard Reybier on www.inpi.fr](http://www.inpi.fr)

## A PRESTIGIOUS JURY

Reflecting France's innovation ecosystem, the jury comprises experts and leaders from both the public and private sectors.

**Chair:** Bernard Reybier, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Fermob

**INPI:** Pascal Faure, Chief Executive Officer

**ADEME** (French Agency for Ecological Transition): Nadia Boeglin, Director, Ecological Transition in Big Business

**AFNOR** (French Standardization Association): Christine Kertesz, Head of Member Relations

**APRAM** (Association of Trademark and Design Law Practitioners): Sylvie Bénoliel-Claux, President

**ASPI** (French Association of Industrial Property Specialists): Géraldine Guéry-Jacques, President

**Energysquare**, 2021 INPI Award winner in the Export category: Timothée Le Quesne, CEO

**Bpifrance:** Emilie Lesage-Périlleux, Head of Legal Affairs, Innovation & Intellectual Property in the Expertise & Programmes Directorate

**Business France:** Eric Morand, Head of Tech & Services

**CCI France:** Frédéricke Lonchambon, Head of Business and Territories Development

**CNCPI** (French Patent and Trademark Attorneys Institute): Jean-Christophe Rolland, Chair

**Directorate General for Enterprise (DGE):** Olivier Deschildre, Innovation & Industrial Property Project Manager

**Directorate General for Research and Innovation (DGRI):** Juliette Thomas, Head of the Regional Action Department

**Lactips**, 2021 INPI Award winner in the Research Partnership category: Jean-Laurent Pradel, R&D Director

**Réseau Curie:** Stéphanie Kuss, Chief Executive Officer

**Union des Fabricants (Unifab):** Nicolas Martin, Vice President



INPI Award winners receive a trophy designed and created by French designer Ora-ito.

**CATEGORY: EXPORT**



## DREAMPATH DIAGNOSTICS (Strasbourg, Grand Est)

### FASTER, MORE RELIABLE DIAGNOSTICS

Founded in 2011, Dreampath Diagnostics develops solutions that make it easier to manage and archive human biological samples. The Strasbourg-based SME has notably developed a solution called "FINA". It's the world's first scanner to automate the traceability of tissue samples analysed by pathological anatomy laboratories (for applications in such fields as oncology, transplant surgery, infectious diseases, Alzheimer's, etc.). Thanks to this innovative technology, samples no longer need to be handled manually, thereby reducing the risk of human error and facilitating access to samples, which ultimately improves the patient care pathway. Close to 150 million samples have been handled by this technology to date, facilitating the diagnosis of millions of patients worldwide. "Investing more than 80% of our revenue in R&D each year has enabled us to become a world leader in our segment," says **co-founder and CEO Pablo Jordan**. "We also systematically protect our inventions by filing for industrial property rights in our target markets – the EU, the US and China. This increases the value of our company and that of our products. Being nominated for an INPI Award is a sign of recognition and a source of great pride for the whole team."

**dreampathdx.net**

● *Founded: 2011* ● *35 employees* ● *Revenue in 2022: €5 million o/w €4.7 million from exports - R&D budget: €4 million* ● *89 patents - 11 trademarks*



## GATTEFOSSÉ (Saint-Priest, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes)

### HIGH-PERFORMANCE INGREDIENTS FOR THE BEAUTY AND HEALTHCARE INDUSTRIES

Gattefosse develops, produces and markets personal care ingredients and pharmaceutical excipients from natural sources for the beauty and healthcare industries worldwide. A family business founded in Lyon, France in 1880, this medium-sized company is a specialist in lipid chemistry and plant extraction. Its products contribute to the efficacy of tablets and capsules, as well as personal care products such as shampoos, sun protection lotions and skin care and anti-wrinkle creams. Its teams are continuously innovating to enhance performance, satisfy customers' needs and comply with global regulatory and environmental requirements. The company also continues to expand internationally, with products distributed in 80 countries worldwide and the planned construction of a second manufacturing facility in the United States, in addition to its existing technical centres in France, China and India. "We file patent applications for all our new ingredients and technologies, in all countries that are important to our business," says **President Ségolène Moyrand-Gros**. "It takes several years to develop a product and get it integrated into a customer's formulation, so a robust industrial property strategy is essential for protecting our ideas and safeguarding them over time. This INPI Award nomination is an acknowledgement of the efforts we've made in recent years to protect our innovations."

**gattefosse.com**

● *Founded: 1880* ● *365 employees* ● *Revenue in 2021: €119.7 million o/w 70% from exports - R&D budget: €6 million* ● *18 patent families - 43 French and international patents - 195 trademarks*



## PROVEPHARM LIFE SOLUTIONS (Marseille, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur)

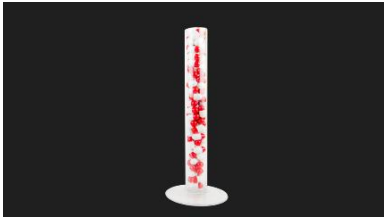
### REVITALIZED MOLECULES FOR ENHANCED PROPERTIES AND INCREASED PATIENT SAFETY

Thanks to patented technology, Provepharm purifies and revitalizes known molecules, in accordance with the applicable legislation, for use in new applications. The Marseilles-based company is the only pharmaceutical laboratory to have received marketing approval for two dyes – methylene blue and indigo carmine – that have been used for decades without authorisation. These molecules have interesting properties but the presence of heavy metals made them unsuitable for use. Provepharm's products for hospitals (analgesics, antidotes, contrasting agents, etc.) are now distributed in more than 30 countries worldwide, helping to save the lives of thousands of patients. "Our innovation strategy guarantees our company's long-term viability and growth," says **founder and Chairman Michel Feraud**. "We protect all our intangible assets – patents and trademarks – in all the countries where our products will be sold and our competitors are based. This nomination for an INPI Award is a tribute to our work and more broadly a sign of encouragement for those who support innovation."

**provepharm.com**

● *Founded: 1998* ● *108 employees* ● *Revenue in 2021: €66 million - R&D budget: 26% of revenue* ● *107 French and international patents - 67 French and international trademarks*

**CATEGORY: INDUSTRY**



## **BODYCAP (Hérouville-Saint-Clair, Normandy)** INGESTIBLE CONNECTED CAPSULES FOR MONITORING BODY TEMPERATURE

BodyCAP is primarily known for its eCelsius innovation, an electronic thermometer contained inside a capsule, which can be swallowed by soldiers, sports people or patients to monitor their body temperature in real time, even in complex environments. Its originality resides not only in the technology involved – with the

development of special antennas for transmitting data between the inside and outside of the body – but also in the product’s scope of application (world championships, Olympic Games, etc.). The Normandy-based medtech now dedicates a significant portion of its R&D to developing communication microsystems. It hopes to expand its solution’s functionalities to include gastrointestinal motility monitoring, for example. “Ever since our company’s creation, we’ve been continuously innovating to adapt and optimize our product and align it with customer requirements,” says **Chairman Sébastien Moussay**. “Protecting our assets is a key component of our strategy: we file for patents and software rights whenever we kick off new developments. This INPI Award nomination is a nod to the innovative nature of our company and the hard work put in by all our teams and partners.”

**bodycap.fr**

● *Founded: 2011* ● *14 employees* ● *R&D budget: €540 thousand* ● *5 patents - 11 trademarks*



## **EUROPE TECHNOLOGIES (Carquefou, Pays de la Loire)** CONTRIBUTING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRY 4.0

Europe Technologies specializes in the industrialization, manufacturing and maintenance of composite, metal and plastic parts and sub-assemblies. It has developed innovative expertise in three complementary industrial segments: surface treatment, robotics and production lines. The Lille-based company delivers this expertise to business customers around the world, operating in sectors ranging from automotive, aerospace and boating to food, healthcare and entertainment. Europe

Technologies notably created the machinery that enables a five-tonne platform to be raised five metres in just 48 seconds during French theme park Puy du Fou’s spectacular evening show “Cinésécénie”. The company also intends to contribute to the development of smart factories by automating and digitizing all the specialized machines and robots it sells. “Our company’s development is based on technological innovation”, says **CEO Patrick Cheppe**. “Innovating gives us a competitive edge and frees us from dependence on a particular customer or segment. Thanks to our innovations and the high margins generated, we’ve strengthened our autonomy and our financial independence. As a result, we’re able to sell our products in more than 50 countries, including those with particularly strong protectionist policies. This INPI Award nomination reflects the quality of our innovation and industrial property strategy.”

**europetechnologies.com**

● *Founded: 1993* ● *420 employees* ● *Revenue in 2021: €67 million o/w 30% from exports - R&D budget: 12% of revenue* ● *70 patents - 9 trademarks*



## **ENERSENS (Rochetoirin, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes)** ULTRA-THIN, SUPER-INSULATING MATERIALS FOR GREATER ENERGY EFFICIENCY

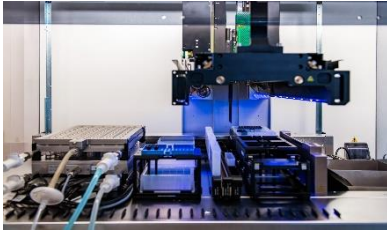
Enersens is an industrial start-up that produces high-performance insulation materials for the electronics, manufacturing and construction sectors. Made of silica aerogel, these materials improve the thermal properties of existing products, thereby contributing to energy efficiency. The company markets two distinct product lines.

Kwark is an additive that comes in powder or granule form. It can be mixed into paints, primers and thermal insulating coatings for manufacturing and construction applications. Skogar, the start-up’s latest innovation, is an ultra-thin material that differs from conventional solutions to meet new needs in such areas as electronics, particularly for applications in smartphones (whose batteries are increasingly thin) and battery packs for electric mobility solutions (to optimize safety and performance). “We use patents and trademarks to protect our products and the associated processes,” explain **David Lesueur, Chief Technical Officer, and Brice Fiorentino, Business Development, Marketing & Innovation Manager**. “Having an industrial property strategy not only enables us to stand out from the competition, it also gives us credibility in the eyes of investors, customers and potential partners. This nomination for an INPI Award confirms the value of our work.”

**enersens.eu**

● *Founded: 2018* ● *10 employees* ● *R&D budget: €450 thousand* ● *6 patent families - 31 French and international patents - 14 trademarks*

**CATEGORY: RESPONSIBLE INNOVATION**



## **ABOLIS BIOTECHNOLOGIES (Evry, Île-de-France)** CUSTOMIZED MICROBES TO SPEED UP GREEN TRANSITION AMONG MANUFACTURERS

Based in the Parisian suburb of Evry, Abolis Biotechnologies applies the principle of fermentation (the same process used to produce wine and beer) to develop molecules that are essential to various industries – as raw materials, active ingredients or components – but with a lower environmental impact. These molecules can be used to replace existing molecules that have already been or will be banned because of their toxicity to people or the planet. These new production methods also aim to secure supply chains and production volumes, and relocate the production of these molecules within Europe's borders. Thanks to its mastery of innovative technologies, the start-up is helping companies in the healthcare, nutrition and cosmetics industries transition to greener solutions. "We've protected our innovations through patents, trademarks and trade secrets since we first started designing our solutions," says **General Manager Valérie Brunel**. "This INPI Award nomination pays tribute to our innovation protection model. It recognizes and rewards the way we promote industrial property in-house and the efforts we make on a daily basis to harness its potential."

**abolis.fr**

● *Founded: 2014* ● *50 employees* ● *18 patents - 21 trademarks*



## **DRACULA TECHNOLOGIES (Valence, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes)** PHOTOVOLTAIC MODULES TO REPLACE BATTERIES

Dracula Technologies has developed eco-friendly, inkjet-printed organic photovoltaic (OPV) modules. In a world where the number of connected objects is expected to exceed 75 billion by 2025, the company's aim is to power low-energy devices using ambient light, in order to limit the use of eco-unfriendly batteries. Thin, flexible and customizable, these modules can generate electricity even in dimly-lit environments, making them suitable for a wide range of applications (the IoT, sensors, trackers, remote controls, etc.) and sectors (health care, manufacturing, smart homes and buildings, smart cards, traceability and more). "Our innovation strategy is based on value creation through intellectual property rights," explains **founder and CEO Brice Cruchon**. "We've already filed several patents to protect our technology, and applications are under way for several more. By putting up these barriers, we can leverage our competitive advantage and reassure our partners when it's time to scale up to industrial production and access the market. Being shortlisted for an INPI Award confirms the validity of our strategy and our decision to focus on a product that will help make society more environmentally responsible."

**dracula-technologies.com**

● *Founded: 2011* ● *28 employees* ● *Revenue in 2021: €1 million o/w €300 thousand from exports - R&D budget: €800 thousand* ● *7 patents - 2 trademarks*



## **SURFACTGREEN (Rennes, Brittany)** BIO-BASED PRODUCTS AS EFFICIENT AS THEIR CONVENTIONAL COUNTERPARTS

SurfactGreen has developed a range of high-performance, plant-derived surfactants that improve the safety, sustainability and environmental footprint of household cleaning, personal care and industrial products, while also preserving their effectiveness. SurfactGreen's solutions represent a viable alternative to the petrochemical surfactants commonly used by manufacturers. They notably enable cosmetics companies to make a variety of products more eco-friendly, including beauty masks, hair conditioners and moisturizing creams. By applying the principles of green chemistry and using bio-sourced raw materials, this Brittany-based start-up has brought a technological breakthrough to the surfactant market. "We're proud to have been nominated for an INPI Award – a reflection of our constant quest for innovation and performance," says **co-owner and CEO Xavier Roussel**. "Our efforts to protect our industrial property have resulted in numerous patents, which has helped us build credibility with our customers and investors. So far, the robustness of our portfolio has enabled us to grow our sales in Europe and internationally, and also to raise €3 million in capital and €7 million in non-dilutive funding."

**surfactgreen.com**

● *Founded: 2016* ● *15 employees* ● *Revenue in 2021: €1 million o/w 10% from exports* ● *30 patents - 20 trademarks*

**CATEGORY: RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP**



## GENE&GREENTK (Marseille, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur)

### AN ALTERNATIVE TO ANTIBIOTICS AND ANTIMICROBIALS

Gene&GreenTK is a biotech company that specializes in the development and engineering of anti-bacterial enzymes. The G&G teams have developed several robust enzymes (some of which were isolated in the volcanic hot springs of Mt. Vesuvius) that can be used as alternatives to antibiotics and antimicrobials,

without increasing bacterial resistance. Unlike conventional approaches, the company's technology focuses not on killing bacteria but rather on controlling its virulence, while also preserving biodiversity – a breakthrough in the world of infection control. An Aix-Marseille University spin-off, Gene&GreenTK is developing applications for its technology in three sectors it considers as priorities: animal health, agriculture and water treatment. "Innovation is the essence of our development," says **CEO David Daudé**. "We've protected our extensive expertise in genetic engineering through patents, some of which may be exploited by our industrial partners either directly or via licences. It was thanks to the solidity of our industrial property rights that we were able to convince Proxis Développement to invest in our company. And now our innovation policy has been recognized by this INPI Award nomination."

[gene-greentk.com](http://gene-greentk.com)

● *Founded: 2013* ● *8 employees* ● *1 sub-licence - 3 co-owned patents - 2 trademarks*



## VISIBLE PATIENT (Strasbourg, Grand Est)

### 3D IMAGES OF ORGANS TO GIVE A HELPING HAND TO HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

Strasbourg-based deeptech/medtech company Visible Patient has developed an online medical imaging service that provides 3D models of patients' organs based on CT or MRI scans. The service facilitates the analysis of medical images of patients' organs (lungs, liver, pancreas, kidneys, colon, etc.) and enables healthcare

professionals to plan and simulate precise, patient-specific surgical procedures. The medical images are analysed with the help of software that notably uses artificial intelligence, making it possible to automatically extract a 3D model of the organ in question. This breakthrough innovation is the result of more than 15 years of research at the IRCAD digestive cancer research institute in Strasbourg. "Our industrial property strategy is based on several key initiatives," says **CEO Professor Luc Soler**. "These include filing for industrial property rights – such as patents, trademarks and digital Soleau envelopes – as well as protecting trade secrets relating to unpatentable components. Being nominated for an INPI Award is a sign of recognition for the efforts we've made to protect our innovations, as well as an invaluable asset for our development."

[visiblepatient.com](http://visiblepatient.com)

● *Founded: 2013* ● *50 employees* ● *R&D budget: €1 million* ● *20 patents - 20 trademarks*



## SINTERMAT (Venarey-les-Laumes, Bourgogne-Franche-Comté)

### AUGMENTED MATERIALS FOR INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS

Sintermat is a deeptech company specialized in the development and production of augmented materials, made from metallic, ceramic or natural powders. The start-up has notably developed expertise in spark plasma sintering (SPS), a process that uses a pulsed electric current to heat and consolidate different types of powders. Its products are used by various industries, including defence, aeronautics, tooling and

watch-making, for applications ranging from the production of die heads for metal extrusion to the manufacture of watch case components. Sintermat's fast, flexible and energy-efficient technology makes it possible to produce industrial components that deliver unrivalled performance and longevity. The service life of the resulting parts is three times longer than that of parts made using conventional technologies. "This INPI Award nomination recognizes what we've accomplished and encourages us to continue implementing our industrial property strategy," says **founder and CEO Foad Naimi**. "This strategy enables us to meet our customers' needs while maintaining control over our company's know-how and commercial deployment."

[sinter-mat.com](http://sinter-mat.com)

● *Founded: 2016* ● *20 employees* ● *10 patents*

## CATEGORY: START-UP



### CHARGEPLY (Aix-en-Provence, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur)

#### SMART CHARGING STATIONS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Chargepoly has developed an innovative fast-charging solution for electric vehicles. By enabling several vehicles (taxis, buses, trucks, etc.) to charge at the same time and in the same place, this start-up based in Aix-en-Provence is facilitating the transition to electric mobility. Rather than dividing the available charging power evenly between all the vehicles plugged in, Chargepoly's smart charging solution delivers the power each vehicle needs, depending on the level of urgency, the amount of charge left in the "tank" and the vehicle's specific characteristics. With this technology, charging takes between 30 minutes and 2 hours. By adapting to each vehicle's needs and parameters, Chargepoly's solution optimizes the use of charging stations and ultimately reduces costs. "We believe that well-protected ideas are the ones that end up conquering the market," says **CEO Hadi Moussavi**. "That's why industrial property is a key component of our business plan. For us, it's important to protect our innovation by filing patents, of course, but also by registering our trademark and the design of our charging stations. It's so gratifying to be nominated for an INPI Award: we're very proud to be recognized as an innovative, creative company."

**chargepoly.com**

● *Founded: 2019* ● *14 employees* ● *2 patents - 1 trademark - 1 design*



### GRAVIPACK (Sens, Bourgogne-Franche-Comté)

#### STRAPS THAT LIGHTEN THE LOAD ON SHOULDERS AND BACKS

Gravipack designs and develops backpacks that lighten the load on the wearer's shoulders by 92%. Thanks to an innovative technique involving shoulders straps equipped with an exoskeleton, this start-up has managed to create backpacks that hover above the shoulders, thereby shifting the load closer to the body's centre of gravity. Designed to reduce the backache and physical fatigue often associated with carrying heavy loads, the Gravipack solution makes it possible to carry more and travel further. Alongside hiking packs and school bags, the range of applications is endless. Suitable for both urban and outdoor use, this innovative solution could be used to carry anything: hiking gear, business equipment, school books, a soldier's kit, first aid equipment, medical supplies, diving gear, gardening tools, audiovisual equipment, goods for delivery, babies... The list goes on. This versatility has notably enabled the start-up to forge partnerships with French rail operator SNCF, sporting goods retailer Decathlon and even NASA. "Being shortlisted for an INPI Award is an acknowledgement of our capacity to innovate in order to meet a genuine need in the market but also our ability to effectively manage our intangible assets," says **CEO Mohammed Errafi**. "All our innovations lead to the filing of industrial property rights: it's a way to highlight the value of our work and prove to investors that we have a competitive edge in terms of technology. This nomination confirms the validity of our decision to focus heavily on R&D and innovation."

**gravipack.com**

● *Founded: 2018* ● *2 employees* ● *Revenue in 2021: €230 thousand o/w €200 thousand from exports - R&D budget: €380 thousand* ● *1 French patent, 9 international patents and 3 patents pending - 2 trademarks*



### VETOPHAGE (Lyon, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes)

#### AN ALTERNATIVE TO ANTIBIOTICS FOR VETERINARY APPLICATIONS

Vetophage specializes in developing solutions to combat antibiotic resistance in animals – a major issue that can make it difficult, or even impossible, to treat certain infections. Using technology based on "phages" (viruses that are naturally present in the environment and specifically target bacteria), the Lyon-based start-up can rapidly detect pathogenic bacteria and is capable of creating a "phage cocktail" to destroy bacteria that are antibiotic-resistant. Vetophage has notably developed a rapid detection kit that meets the needs of the livestock industry: quick, easy, efficient and cost-effective. One day, its technology may even be used for treating bacterial infections in humans. "This INPI Award nomination is an opportunity to shine the spotlight once again on antibiotic resistance – an issue that concerns us all," says **CEO Mai Huong Chatain-Ly**. "We're developing a portfolio of extremely innovative, environmentally-responsible products that will be of interest to a wide range of players in the animal health industry but also, in the longer term, to those involved in human health."

**vetophage.fr**

● *Founded: 2017* ● *9 employees* ● *5 patents - 3 trademarks - 1 design*



## INPI AWARD WINNERS: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

We asked three companies – INPI Award winners from 2013, 2014 and 2016 – to tell us about their journey and the milestones achieved since their victory. Visit the INPI website to find out what they had to say.

### **Fermob: An iconic design (Saint-Didier-sur-Chalaronne, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes)**

2013 INPI Award winner Fermob has been making outdoor furniture and accessories since 1989. Colourful, stylish and robust, its internationally-recognized designs adorn the world's most famous squares and gardens. Thanks to its innovative approach, this company based in south-eastern France has experienced uninterrupted growth.

[Click here to find out more \(in French only\).](#)

### **Mathieu Lustrerie: Lighting up the world's most beautiful interiors (Gargas, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur)**

2014 INPI Award winner Mathieu Lustrerie has been restoring, creating and recreating chandeliers and other exceptional lighting fixtures for over 70 years. Based in a former ochre factory in southern France, this family business combines innovation and ancestral know-how in order to meet its customers' expectations as effectively as possible.

[Click here to find out more \(in French only\).](#)

### **Procédés Chénel: Finding new uses for paper (Vanves, Île-de-France)**

2016 INPI Award winner Procédés Chénel uses paper and cardboard to create custom-made decor items for architects and interior design professionals. From fireproof false ceilings and paper partitions to colourful, original decorative elements, the 100-year-old company innovates continuously to offer customers robust materials and stylish designs.

[Click here to find out more \(in French only\).](#)

### **Did you know?**

Since 1 January 2022, INPI has been the operator of a **one-stop-shop for company formalities**, which is now open to everyone. Accessible via a dedicated website ([formalites.entreprises.gouv.fr](http://formalites.entreprises.gouv.fr)) and also from INPI's website ([www.inpi.fr](http://www.inpi.fr)), it will be the only channel available for carrying out these formalities as of 1 January 2023.

Starting on 1 January 2023, data from the **French companies register (RNE)** will be made available to all, free of charge, via [data.inpi.fr](http://data.inpi.fr). This includes not only already-available information about commercial companies but also data relating to tradespeople, farmers and the self-employed.

A move that will make life easier for entrepreneurs!

## **ABOUT INPI**

In addition to granting and registering patents, trademarks and designs, the French Patent and Trademark Office (INPI) furthers economic development by its actions designed to raise awareness and promote innovation and its key issues. INPI provides help and advice to innovators so they can convert their projects into concrete results and derive value from their innovations. INPI, a self-financed public body placed under the authority of the ministry in charge of industrial property, also actively participates in the development and implementation of public policies in the field of intellectual property, innovation support and business competitiveness and in the fight against counterfeiting. The depository of all the industrial property rights filed in France and the data of the French Companies Register, INPI disseminates more than 56.7 million open, free and reusable data items. INPI now operates the one-stop-shop for company formalities (new registrations, changes, striking off). Lastly, INPI is responsible for the approval of industrial and artisanal geographical indications.

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