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The latest news in the Lascaux Program

The beginning of 2011 was particularly constructive, with no less than three doctoral seminars on issues of food safety, quality and sustainable development:

- January 17th, 2011 : Juanjuan SUN, "*Harmonization of food safety regulation by comparing the cases among the USA, EU and China*" (cf. the [edito](#) published on our website)
- January 24th, 2011 : Camille COLLART DUTILLEUL, "*The legal way of valorization of agricultural and agri-food products in national, European and international law*"
- February 17th, 2011 : Pierre-Etienne BOUILLOT, "*The legal regulation of sustainable development and the right to food*"

In February, we also received the visit of two professors working on thematic close to the ones of the Lascaux Program. On February 18th, we welcomed Valérie PIRONON, Professor of Law at the University of Paris XI and President of the thesis advisory committee for Lascaux's PhD students. Then, on February 28th, we welcomed Philippe PEDROT, Professor at the University of Brest. These two meetings proved fruitful opportunities for exchanges on the results of the researches and for a debate with the invited professors.

Coming next, the Lascaux team will participate on **April 1st** in the Second Annual Forum organized by the European network [Trans Europe experts](#), on the subject of legal challenges in the European Union (see [the following link](#) for more information).

Worldwide agro-food activities ([click here for further information on current news](#))

At a time when access to food is more than ever a topical issue, it appears that the volatility of prices on agricultural markets represents a number of threats for food safety. In an international context which is particularly dense at the moment, with the recent political and social riots in Tunisia, Egypt or Libya, some figures and references ought to be mentioned:

- In December 2010, the FAO food price index exceeded the previous peak of 2008, before increasing by 3,4% in January 2011 (source : [FAO](#)). Cf. "*Price volatility in agricultural markets. Evidence, impact on food security and policy responses*" (Economic and Social Perspectives, Policy Brief, n°12, dec. 2010) ; ACDE, FAO (dir.), "*OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook 2010-2019*"
- On a related topic, the Observatory for the formation of prices and margins of food products handed in its [preliminary report](#) on formation of prices and margins in the bovine sector to the Minister of Agriculture Bruno LEMAIRE last December (cf. [note](#)).

Recent publications

On a side note, we would like to mention the recent publication of two different articles on issues closely linked to the Lascaux Program:

- *Courrier International*'s special issue "100% agricole : un tour du monde paysan" ([hebdo n° 1059](#) of February 17th, 2011)
- *Futuribles*'s special issue "Agriculture et alimentation – Les comportements alimentaires en France – La sécurité alimentaire et l'humanité – La volatilité des marchés agricoles", [n° 371](#), February 2011

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We would also like to point out the launching of a blog called "*Notamment... Imaginer un droit humaniste pour aider la Terre à nourrir l'Humanité*", by François COLLART DUTILLEUL, Director of the Lascaux Program.

And finally, we are in the process of renewing the website to make the results of our researches even more accessible to the public.

