

WMFR reports from april to june 2010

Wikimédia France

April - June 2010

April 2010

General figures and facts

Some figures

- At the end of April, Wikimedia France has 203 active members.
- In April, our website (<http://www.wikimedia.fr>) has been visited more than **9000** times and our blog (<http://blog.wikimedia.fr/>) more than **2600** times.
- Our search portal <http://www.wikipedia.fr> has been improved to allow search to be performed on regional languages spoken in France (such as Breton). This portal receives each month more than **20000** visits.

Strengthening regional groups

New mailing lists have been created for regional groups - these groups are a way for WMFR to encourage local initiatives.

Regional group	# members	Mailling list
Non-Cabale de l'Ouest (NCO)	8	rennes@lists.wikimedia.fr
Cabale Toulousaine	7	toulouse@lists.wikimedia.fr
Cabale à la noix (Grenoble)	4	-
Cabale d'Île de France	13	paris@lists.wikimedia.fr

Skill-based groups

Building up on the dynamics of our general assembly, skill-based groups are being formed or reactivated. WMFR wants to provide more autonomy to

these groups, and make sure they communicate smoothly with the rest of the association. The « photo » group has now its own mailing list.

Skill-based group	# members	
Photo and reporting	13	photo@lists.wikimedia.fr
Conferences, workshops	3	-
GLAM	9	-
Wikimedia projects	1	-
Legal issues	1	-
Research	1	-
Communication	1	-

Activity

Presentations, conferences, workshops

- From March 31st to April 4th, WMFR participated to the [Festival Décllic de Nanterre](#)
- April 8th, Christophe et Adrienne participated to a movie projection on free licenses in a cinema in Toulouse.
- April 9th, Julien gave a conference on Wikipedia in Viroflay.
- April 14th, Thierry Coudray presented the Wikimedia projects and Wikimedia France to the board of the « Fondation pour le Progrès de l'Homme » in Paris.
- April 17th, Julien held a workshop on Wikipedia in Viroflay.
- April 17th, several members participated to the [Breizh Entropy Congress](#) and gave a conference on Wikipedia.
- April 29th, Alexandre Moatti and Bastien gave a talk at the « [numérique éditorial et sa gouvernance](#) » conference at INHA.

International presence in the Wikimedia sphere

- From 2nd to 5th of April, Yves participated to the *Commons Photoworkshop Nyköping 2010* in Sueden, an international meeting of wiki-medians on photography.
- From 14th to 16th of April, Sébastien participated to the developers meeting in Berlin.

- From 14th to 18th of April, Florence and Delphine participated to the chapters meeting.

Projects

« Colloquium » 2010

A page on the wiki has been created to let everyone brainstorm on what the program should be for this event. A specific mailing list has also been created.

Museum de Toulouse

WMFR is actively working on this partnership. WMFR will work with the Museum to take pictures of paleographic objects and put them online on [Commons](#).

University projects

WMFR has been working with the University of Lille to let students validate credits by editing Wikipedia articles. This workshop started in february and ended in april.

This projects in Lille is similar to the one that has been done with the [Plume!](#) association in Toulouse (see the page on [Wikipedia](#).)

News from the Wikimedia projects

Wikisource: partnership with the French National Library (BnF)

The partnership has been officially announced on April 7th (see the [press release](#)). Wikisource contributors are working on 1400 books that the BnF sent to them.

May 2010

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After the partnership has been officially announced in April, the first books are now getting published on Wikisource.

Wikimedia Commons: projects with the Museum of Toulouse

The Museum of Toulouse wants us to wait for the local event of the city of Toulouse (la [Novela](#)) to be launched in october 2010 before we publish the first pictures on Wikimedia Commons. The details of the partnership are still being actively discussed. We hope that WMFR's careful approach for this first project will help build new ones with the Museum in the next coming years.

New from the regional groups

Toulouse

The [Wikipaplum](#) project is going on. With the help of local Wikipedians and members of the Plume! association, PhD students contribute to Wikipedia on topics related to their PhD (and others if they want.) After more than 400 contributions in a few weeks, some students have already been diagnosed as « wikipediabolic ».

General activity

Night of the Museum (may 15th)

Five members of the regional NCO group (Brittany) have been taking photographs during the [European Long Night of Museums](#). See some of their photographs in the [dedicated category on Commons](#).

Conferences et manifestations

- May 15th-16th : NCO members participated to the [Rencontres Bretonnes du Logiciel Libre](#).
- May 28th: Bapti animated a workshop on Wikipedia in Toulouse, together with the local Linux User Group ([Toulibre](#)).

Meeting of WMFR's board

WMFR's board spent two days in Paris to work. The contract with Bastien Guerry (our first employee) has been signed after three months and a half of probing period.

Groups activity

"Photo" group: the biggest jump in the world

The supermat took pictures of Taïg Khris for his new world record of the highest jump. Pictures were immediately published on [Commons](#), and an article on [lepost.fr](#) and on [our blog](#) followed, a nice example of a quick Wikimedia-Project/WMFR/press reactivity.

Fundraising group

After lengthy discussions on the fundraising mailing list, the donation page of WMFR website has been improved: we now collect more rigorously details of people donating to WMFR; we also keep a [public history of donations](#) for donors who accept to appear online.

Internal communication group

On May 7th, we held an IRL meeting to try to sort out internal communication issues – i.e. make sure everyone knows the tools, use them efficiently, feel confident in communicating with the board and the rest of the association.

We also had an IRC meeting on May 25th during which we skimmed through the « ideas box » – a webpage on the internal wiki collecting ideas posted by the members). The goal was to discuss/rework ideas and restate them in a more « activable » form so that those bottom-up suggestions come closer to something that the board can actually take a decision on, and activate.

June 2010

News from the Wikimedia projects

Wikiversity and Wikibooks - what living space for each one?

There is an ongoing and old [debate](#) on how to help the french Wikiversity and the french Wikibooks projects better thrive by avoiding overlap in goals and content.

WMFR Activity

GLAM-WIKI event: December 3rd-4th at the National assembly, Paris

We now have a date and a location for our GLAM-WIKI event: it will happen on the **3rd and 4th of december** at the **National assembly** (Victor Hugo's room), Paris. The program is still under heavy construction. We also need to find a catchy name for this event (as « GLAM » doesn't give any clue of what it's all about in French.)

Projects with Toulouse

Bastien went to Toulouse and attended several meeting with officials of Toulouse. The first meeting was with the Archives of Toulouse: they are willing to publish part of their their [Eugène Trutat](#) funds to Commons. The other meeting was with the Museum of Toulouse, where things are going quite smoothly for the current project. The last meeting was with the administration of Toulouse: all participants to the [Novela](#) event in october (including universities, local associations, companies, etc.) where meeting eachothers. Bastien and Adrienne presented Wikimedia France's mission and the ongoing projects with the Museum and the Archives.

Welcome to Elisabeth Coye

June 16th, Florence announced that Elisabeth Coye, who has been of vital help for processing all the 2009 donations, joined the association. As Elisabeth might progressively be involved in more tasks for the fundraising, she wanted to know more about the association itself and to be part of it. Welcome Elisabeth!

On the blog this month

A new textbooks publisher ignores copyright

[lelivrescolaire.fr](#) is a new textbooks publisher who reused many pictures from Wikimedia Commons for its paper-based and online manuals. This is quite an original move in this market and WMFR heavily encourages this publisher to explore this possibility further. But this publisher gave the wrong credit for the pictures, only mentionning (c) Wikimedia, and skipping the source URL and the name of the authors. . . [Read more on the blog \(in french\)](#).

Contribute to Wikipédia and win 100£ British Museum vouchers

In March, WMFR announced that Liam Wyatt was going to be [a Wikipedian in residence at the British Museum](#). The Museum just announced it will give 100£ vouchers to the authors of the first five featured articles about objects of the Museum's collections. This offer is available for all wikipedians and articles can be written in any language. [Read more on the blog \(in french\)](#).

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