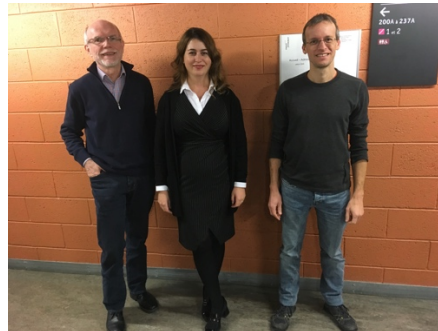


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A new spokesperson and a new technical coordinator for the OpenGATE collaboration

After several years of strong involvement as spokesperson and many years as technical coordinator, Uwe Pietrzyk, professor at the Wuppertal University and Sébastien Jan, researcher at CEA/SHFJ, handed over their responsibilities to Lydia Maigne (Lydia.Maigne@clermont.in2p3.fr), associate professor at University Clermont Auvergne and David Sarrut (David.Sarrut@creatis.insa-lyon.fr), research director at CREATIS laboratory, respectively. Many thanks to them.



GATE trainings:

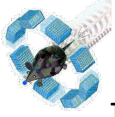
The OpenGATE collaboration, in partnership with CNRS, will organize, every year, a GATE training for beginners in Clermont-Ferrand (France) for 3 days. The training is open to everyone willing to learn how to use GATE. The training will be accessible through streaming facilities for those who cannot attend physically the training location. The next GATE training will be advertised on the gate-users mailing list and on our web site. The dates are not fixed yet, but it is envisaged to have it during fall 2019.

The OpenGATE collaboration is happy to offer its expertise to every group, university or company willing to have targeted trainings for their R&D purpose. The trainings can be organized directly at the customer offices and adapted in duration and content. Do not hesitate to contact Lydia Maigne for further information or request.

GATE workshops:

The steering committee of the OpenGATE collaboration has decided, everytime it will be possible, to organize a GATE workshop during main conferences in medical physics. It is a great opportunity for us to meet users and exchange on their experience with GATE, we will invite a few users to present their work with the GATE simulation platform. Presently, we will be happy to meet you at the following conferences and/or events:

- [PTCOG58 conference](#) in Manchester (UK) June 10-15: a workshop will be organized during the educational sessions June 12 between 12:30 to 16:00. More information will come soon.



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- [MCMA conference](#) in Montreal (Canada) from June 19-21: a workshop will be organized at the McGill Health centre the day after the conference on June 22. All the Monte Carlo code representatives (TOPAS, Penelope, FLUKA, EGSnrc, Geant4) will organize a similar workshop the same day. More information will come soon.
- International Conference on Medical Physics and School in Quy Nhon Vietnam, July 28 – August 3. More information will come soon.
- Main conferences in USA: in 2020, the OpenGATE collaboration is taking some actions to be present at the AAPM and SNMMI annual meetings, and also at the IEEE NSS-MIC conference.

GATE communication:

The following actions are being taken:

- A new logo for the collaboration will be designed soon
- A new web site will be set up in order to simplify the information to users.
- GATE events and news will be advertised on social networks (ResearchGate and Twitter) and a Wikipedia page will be set up.

Enjoy your experience with GATE,

Best regards,

Lydia Maigne, spokesperson, on behalf of the OpenGATE collaboration