### IN BRIEF

**Assembly Hall**

There is a number of visitors during 2015, from January to December including:
- 167 VIP visitors (14 visits)
- 7,186 achievers (125 visits)
- 4,700 professional (31 visits)
- 5,579 members of social and cultural associations, residents of towns near the ITER site and residents (121 visits)
- From all over France and Europe. It also includes visitors who attended the two new dates days with an estimated 900 visitors per event.

### CHILDREN’S CORNER

**Why are there all these flags?**

1. It's for International. The first letter of the word ITER indicates the exceptional size of the project.
2. It's for Exceptional. The peculiarity of ITER is that it is an international programme involving seven countries which represent 35 nationalities (China, the US, Russia, Korea, France, India, and Japan). And each one is responsible for picking up such a future machine!
3. It's for Exclusive. The teams of all these countries benefit from the project. In fact, the production generates economic activity which, and secondly, because all knowledge related to the project is shared.
4. And it's only here and on many flags flying at the site entrance.

### NEW TRAFFIC ON THE ROAD FROM Berre l’Etain to the ITER Site

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### ASSEMBLY HALL

On the construction site, the company MAN (Nel Group) began work on the 223 towers in the assembly hall. These towers will help to raise the height of the single serpentine in one. Each tower can lift 750 tons.

### ITER CONVOYS

Both convoys organized in March 2016 as the ITER route concern the transportation of huge steel beams along the route from Berre l’Etain to the ITER site at Cadarache over a period of four nights. These convoys marked one of the biggest crossings ever, more than 67 million long and weighing 330 tonnes. These towers are essential components of the ITER project, and are necessary to be in place in order to set up the ITER site.

Their journey is planned in four stages:
- From Berre l’Etain to Lançon-de-Provence from 10 pm to 4:30 am during the fourth night.
- From Lançon-de-Provence to Charleval from 10 pm to 5:30 am during the second night.
- From Charleval to Poussane in Provence from 10 pm to 5:30 am during the third night.
- From Pueyrredon to Gardanne from 10 pm to 4:20 am during the first night.

### ITER ROBOTS 2016

Almost 350 students are currently preparing for the ITER Robots 2016 challenge. Like scientists, they are working in teams to design a miniature robot that will carry out the same type of work on the future ITER robotic system. In addition to its mobility and remote handling capabilities, there is a new twist this year: more than three students will all compete in the annual one of the most prestigious events for ITER teams. ITER teams are to be in the ITER site assembly hall, which is now under construction.

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### LOCAL NEWS

**ITER Jobs Workshops**

The Regional Job Center dedicated to employment at ITER, has scheduled five workshops for the first half of 2016. The last workshop took place on March 25th, 2016 in Marseille. Attendees have been seeking for positions; these workshops bring together twenty to forty candidates. Their objective is to promote career, research methods and advice on how to optimize your network and your business contacts.

### FUSION IN MONACO

By opening the North Pole, the Principality of Monaco has made climate and energy policy one of its priorities. The Principality, an energymuştur country, has developed a new communication strategy, supported by the new coordination channel of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). In March 2016, the Principality presented its commitment to the International Energy Agency (IEA) for the first time. The UNFCCC and the IEA sign an agreement to cooperate in the field of climate change and energy.

### FUSION OF THE MONTH

**Figure of the Month**

**Berre L’Etain to the ITER Site in 2016**

The ITER Business Forum to be held at the Palais des Papes in Avignon, organized the round table discussion moderated by Gyung-Su Lee, Deputy Director-General of the ITER Organization, confirmed that “ITER has a real important role in promoting innovative technological advances or present their unique expertise, in the context of the ITER project, to the ITER scientists and other ITER scientists. ITER, as defined by the ITER Framework Convention, is an international program involving seven countries which represent 35 nationalities. The ITER Business Forum, held at the Palais des Papes in Avignon, invited the Principality of Monaco to take part in this event. Each one of the participants presented the importance of the challenge that binds them: developing a new energy source that does not create greenhouse gases.

### ENGLISH VERSION OF THE AIF NEWSLETTER

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REGIONAL MARKETING

- One of the region’s strengths is its ability to use its major regional industrial projects with positive national and international common features to create a systemic vision. This capacity provides new funding for major projects to attract international companies (ExxonMobil). The ITER project is an example of this. "The very low turnover rate of the workforce during the construction work is a positive factor. The same people who have been employed on the project for ten years are still working on it today."

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