



## About the School

*Warm Wishes for the  
Holiday Season*

# The Academic Year Retrospective

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2016 has been a remarkable year at Solvay Brussels School as we have achieved important milestones and successful projects, thanks to the wise support of our International Advisory Board and to the active contribution of our colleagues and stakeholders.

The School has maintained its attractiveness with more than 4,000 students enrolled for this academic year. For most of its degrees, the Faculty has stable or increased intakes, including the Bachelors, the Masters of Science, the PhD program or the recently created [Advanced Masters series](#). And research is still a strong competitive advantage of the Faculty, as witnessed by the global RePEC ranking, our Alma Mater flirting with [the best schools in the world](#).

On the international dimension, the School has now nearly half of its exchange partners outside the EU. Brand new exchange partners include Kyoto University in Japan, ESCA in Casablanca, Binus University in Indonesia and Zhejiang in China. And advanced discussions are being finalized with excellent institutions in Thailand, New Zealand and Malaysia.



Advanced Masters' Graduation Ceremony (2016)



**QTEM** – the global master network initiated by the School - has now reached 19 excellent academic partners and 13 corporate partners, active on five continents. The QTEM prepares tomorrow's decision makers, with intense analytical training, a significant international exposure and real life experience. As of today, nearly 200 students are scheduled for their exchange. We are particularly glad to have about 35 QTEM candidates for next year, amongst our students.



*QTEM Graduation Ceremony – Monash 2016*

At a more senior level, and following the recommendations of the AMBA Accreditation body, we have fully revamped the MBA offer into a block format [Executive MBA](#), delivered once a month over a long weekend. Thanks to their achievements, both the QTEM and the Executive MBA will enter the FT ranking by 2019 – a delay due to the three years lag survey methodology.

The Faculty has also continued to work on the quality of its operations and governance, with the successful EQUIS re-accreditation and important milestones achieved towards the US-based AACSB Accreditation. These accreditations contribute to reinforce the international recognition of the School as a global player, and secure our eligibility for rankings.

The School has received a great attention and visibility within the AACSB network (including more than a 1.000 business schools across the world), when [the Triaxe project](#) was selected in February 2016 as one of the 30 global “Innovations that Inspire”. Quite an achievement as about 299 innovative projects were submitted by 96 countries. Triaxe brings together students from three different Faculties (Solvay, Engineering with EPB and Design with la Cambre) to design, develop and market an innovative product, hence diving into a real entrepreneurial venture.



We have also initiated a systematic development of our social media presence – you can join us via [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [Solvay Connect](#).



The **Solvay Business Voice Series** – top level speakers sharing their experience with our ecosystem - attracts well over 1,000 participants every year.



*George Papaconstantinou, Former Greek Minister of Finance, was one of our latest BVS guest speaker*

The [Credited Internship Program](#) – an optional track for the students who spend up to six months on a full-time internship – has continued to attract large cohorts of students willing to learn from the field, with nearly 100 participants in 2016, of which 40% took place abroad. As usual, the School benefited from its entrepreneurial student body, who actively contributed to its visibility through their numerous clubs and projects. Amongst many other new ventures, the [Solvay Business Game](#), the [Solvay Summer School](#), the [Solvay High School Challenge](#), the [Student Entrepreneurs Club](#), and the [Solvay Consulting Club](#) have been great successes.



Solvay Summer School – Promotion 2016

There is much to be proud of and grateful for this holiday season—and still so much to achieve. The first trimester of 2017 will be marked by the release of our new website and institutional brochure, not to mention the digitalization of the *From Solvay* magazine, a joint project with the Solvay School's Alumni. The second trimester will be vibrant as well, as the Faculty Council will elect a new Dean. As we look into 2017, more innovations and milestones will be achieved. We pursue further in the Solvay-ULB tradition of critical thinking, entrepreneurial spirit and societal relevance — values that are much needed to shape a better world - and hope that you will continue to **Connect and Grow With Us!**