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**SUMMER SCHOOL
IN BRETON LINGUISTIC
AND CULTURAL
HERITAGE STUDIES**



Until now, students and scholars with an interest in the Celtic languages and literatures have had little opportunity to study the Breton or French languages, literatures and cultures within a Breton cultural framework. For the first time, they will be able to do so in a friendly, professional environment at the University of Western Brittany's pôle universitaire Per Jakez Hélias in Quimper, Finistère.

With Brittany's dual French and Celtic linguistic and cultural heritage in mind, the Centre for Breton and Celtic Research (CRBC) is proposing a two-week summer course from **June 22 to July 4, 2015** which will allow participants to:

- a) Pursue intensive language courses in either the Breton or French languages
- b) Follow daily afternoon lectures on subjects relating to Breton heritage studies.

WHO CAN APPLY ?

Anyone having a serious interest in either the Breton or the French languages and in Breton culture more generally (especially graduate or postgraduates in the humanities), are warmly encouraged to apply. Motivated students in their final year of undergraduate studies are also welcome.

No prior knowledge of Breton is required. An intermediate level of French is desirable for those registering for the French language courses.

TEACHING STAFF

The lecturers are members of the University of Western Brittany's Centre de Recherche Bretonne et Celtique.

The CRBC counts over 40 full-time faculty and researchers and is the largest structure of its kind in France devoted to Breton and Celtic studies. All are experts in their respective fields



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THE PROGRAMME

A total of **30 students** will be admitted to the programme (15 in the Breton language classes and an equal number in the French classes). Applicants should send a letter of motivation and a CV indicating their level of Breton (or another Celtic language) and their level of French. It would be wise to apply as soon as possible (see below for contact information).

The final deadline for registration is **May 15, 2015** (subject to change).



9:00 to 12:30 – INTRODUCTION TO SPOKEN BRETON

The Breton language classes have been designed for beginners and false beginners. Although the literary language will not be neglected, the lecturers will concentrate on teaching popular spoken Breton.

Native speakers from the area will be invited to participate in the lessons thus allowing learners to experience the living varieties of the language.

9:00 to 12:30 – FRENCH LANGUAGE LESSONS

The French language classes are designed for students who already have an intermediate level of French and who would like to improve their expression and comprehension skills in a natural Breton cultural setting. The lecturers are all FLE-trained native speakers.

12:30 to 13:30 – LUNCH

14:00 to 16:15 – BRETON CULTURE AND SOCIETY

During the afternoons, a broad range of (French and English-language) lectures will be offered dealing with subjects such as Breton history, Breton/French dialectology and sociolinguistics, ethnology (rural and maritime culture), oral Breton literature (sources of the *Barzaz Breiz / Kan ha Diskan* singing), Breton and French-language literature of Brittany, Breton onomastics and Breton art history...

Lectures will be given by leading scholars in their fields and several of these will be presented in the form of fieldtrips to local museums, for example, Quimper's Musée Breton (archaeological treasures, Breton costumes, furniture...), the Musée des beaux-arts (Breton art), the Musée de la pêche in Concarneau (the fishing culture of the region). An excursion to the well-known town of Locronan is also planned. Other activities include an initiation to traditional Breton ballad singing and Kan ha Diskan dancing with the well-known traditional singer, Brigitte Kloareg.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION



LOCATION

The Pôle Universitaire *Per Jakez Hélias* is situated at Creac'h Gwenn, in the medieval town of Quimper/Kemper.

Situated on the banks of the Odet River, the pôle universitaire is only 10 kilometres from the sea and the entire area has an excellent public transportation system for those intending to stay on longer.

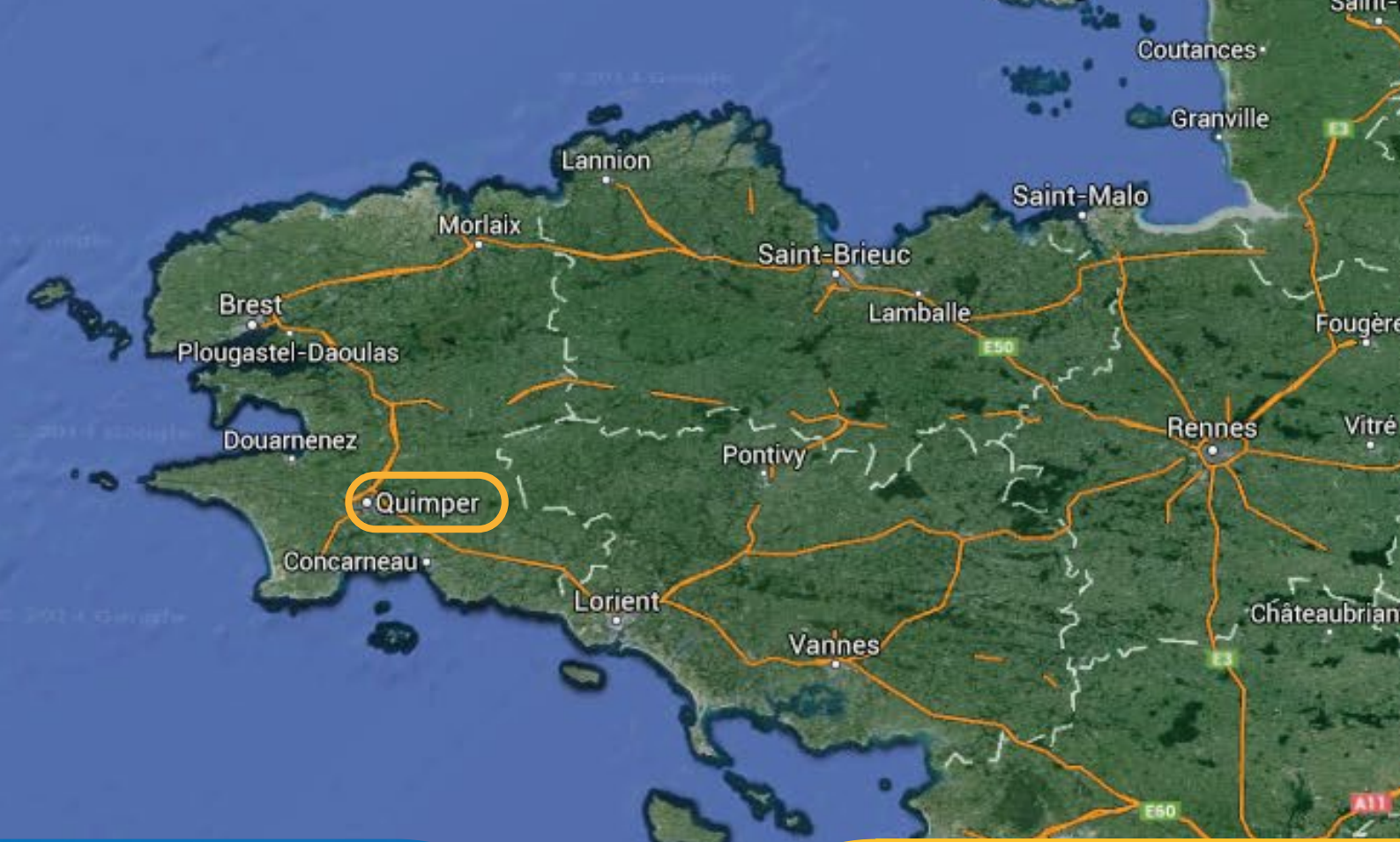


COSTS AND FEES

The total cost for this Summer School is only 600 euros per participant!

This covers the following :

- Registration fees for two weeks of intensive language classes and afternoon lectures by leading specialists
- Lodging for 15 nights in the Résidence Colvert located in the heart of Quimper (with furnished rooms, bedding, free internet access and fully-equipped kitchenettes)
- Daily lunches at the university restaurant (Monday through Saturday)
- Field trips and guided visits to the musée des Beaux-Arts and the musée départemental breton in Quimper, the musée de Pont Aven (featuring paintings by Gauguin and local Breton artists) and the musée de la pêche in Concarneau as well as to the historic town of Locronan
- A "pass Quimper" allowing free access to all of Quimper's museums and free bus transportation to and from the University and within Quimper city limits.



The city of Quimper is located in southern Finistère on the western tip of Brittany

- 4 ½ hours by train
- 1 hour by airplane from Paris

Famous for its cathedral, Quimper is a beautiful city of about 60,000 inhabitants.





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