Mendeley Customer Spotlight: Institut Pasteur

*Why the library at Institut Pasteur chose Mendeley as a tool to foster more curiosity and creativity amongst its researchers*

"Science is an inexhaustible field. The more we dig into it, the greater the treasures we find."

*Louis Pasteur, Founder of Institut Pasteur*

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The Institut Pasteur Multimedia Library began its launch of Mendeley in July 2014. Prior to the launch, Institut Pasteur had been searching for a more efficient reference management tool for its students and faculty members to easily organize their references, freeing up their time to engage in research and new discoveries.

![The Institut Pasteur Multimedia Library](image)

About Institut Pasteur

Headquartered in Paris, the Institut Pasteur is an international research institute dedicated to advancing science, medicine and public health. Founded in 1887 by Louis Pasteur, the great French chemist and microbiologist, the Institut Pasteur is a private, not-for-profit foundation, responsible for a series of landmark discoveries, including the isolation of the HIV virus in 1983.

Curiosity-Driven Research Considered Paramount

Curiosity-driven research lies at the very core of the Institut Pasteur’s mission. This focused research strategy has served them well over the years, resulting in ten scientists being awarded the Nobel Prize since 1908.

A key goal of the Institut Pasteur Multimedia Library is to provide their researchers with the information they need in the most efficient and effective way possible.

Sandrine Royer-Devaux describes reference management tools as a customized and personalized microcosm of the institutional library enabling researchers to store and organize their research – articles, references, annotations – rationally and effectively. Tools like Mendeley enable researchers to undertake their key activities of searching, reviewing and citing more efficiently, allowing them the time and (mental) space they need to follow their creative paths.

“To pursue curiosity-driven research, we want to avoid seeing our scientists’ curiosity evaporate through a combination of administrative drudgery and investigative dead-ends.” Sandrine Royer-Devaux, Library Project Manager

Finding Mendeley

With the research environment changing so rapidly, Sandrine acknowledges that finding the right tools for their researchers can sometimes be a challenge.

For some years now, reference management tools have been widely used by the scientists and graduate students at Institut Pasteur. While a number of somewhat similar tools are available, each with their own strengths and weaknesses, Mendeley was favoured by some of the younger researchers at Institut Pasteur and the library decided to begin a project, sensing that Mendeley may have something new and unique to offer.

Mendeley at Institut Pasteur

The Mendeley project was launched at the Institut...
Pasteur in July 2014. Following a carefully planned rollout, coordinated by Sandrine and partnering with Elsevier, users were given special upgraded access to a number of enhanced Mendeley features offering them the ability to store more references, collaborate more meaningfully with colleagues via unlimited and larger-sized groups, and discover new research more easily by using some of Mendeley’s more advanced features such as Mendeley Suggest.

The response to the project was very positive with Mendeley achieving high adoption, especially among younger researchers but also more senior scientists who were moved to engage seriously with Mendeley for the first time.

In less than six months, the number of new Mendeley users based at Institut Pasteur grew by an impressive 55% and approximately one third of the research population at the Pasteur Institute now have a personal Mendeley account.

Sandrine Royer-Devaux suggests two reasons for the success of their rollout and the popularity that Mendeley has gained amongst the researchers and students she serves:

1. **Social networking**

   Mendeley Profiles – built based on their academic CV (résumé) and showcasing their own publications - offer researchers the opportunity to promote themselves and their work to millions around the world helping to establish connections with others who may be working in similar areas.

2. **Collaboration**

   Sandrine also highlights “the possibility of sharing references, documents, and notes with other people” as a key advantage of Mendeley. Users can easily share reading lists, references or full-text articles - either publicly or privately - across working groups set up within the system.

Mendeley was featured as part of Elsevier’s Research Connect event held in December 2014

**Supporting the Pasteurians of Tomorrow**

Institut Pasteur continues to have a strong focus on students and younger researchers – the so-called “Pasteurians of tomorrow”.

The Institut Pasteur’s **Strategic Plan 2014>2018** is committed to education as “both a priority and a key tool in our strategic vision at all levels.” Over the next four years the number of students in the Pasteur Paris University International Doctoral Program is set to triple. Positioned as part of the Institut’s comprehensive network of information resources, Mendeley will continue to support this growth, facilitating the research of today and helping to spark the ideas of tomorrow.
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