

Jean-Paul BRAVARD, 56 years, is a professor at the University Lumiere-Lyon and coordinator of the Zone Workshop "Basin of the Rhone" (ZABR). His record as teacher-researcher is exemplary: with a bachelor's degree in geography (1972), master's (1980) and doctorate (1985), he initially taught in the secondary school system in France (1971-78) before achieving during this last quarter century a brilliant university career at the Universities of Lyon, Paris-Sorbonne, then Lumiere-Lyon. A senior member of the University Institute of France since 2001, he has been at the forefront of a considerable increase in interest in physical geography, and has been instrumental in making river dynamics one of the highlights of French research. Unanimously recognized for his interdisciplinarity, Jean-Paul Bravard has built bridges among scientific communities: geography, history and archaeology, within the framework of operational partnerships, interdisciplinary and international programs set up with the ecologists and the hydrologists. His scientific production is impressive by its quality and its abundance. It adds up more than 200 titles, including 86 peer-reviewed articles in prestigious journals (Geomorphology, Catena, Environmental Management, Quaternary Reviews Science, Sedimentology, etc). Jean-Paul Bravard obtained the bronze medal of the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique in 1989, and the silver medal in 2004.