

Presentation of an Honorary Degree to His Excellency Evo Morales Ayma



On Saturday the 7th November 2015, the chancellor of UPPA, Mohamed Amara, presented an Honorary Degree to the President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Evo Morales.

During the formal ceremony, Mohamed Amara gave a speech praising the Bolivian President, then presented him with the title and insignia of an Honorary Degree in the presence of the Rector of the Bordeaux Academy, Mr. Dugrip, chancellor of the Aquitaine universities.

President Morales thanked the university – which he had already visited 12 years previously, on the occasion of the *Cultur'América* festival – then described the values that he defends for his country as well as his own incredible story.

Several VIPs were present at this exceptional event: the Bolivian and Venezuelan ambassadors, the former chancellors of UPPA, a representative of the University of the Basque Country, senators, MPs, mayors, including Jean Lassalle and François Bayrou as well as José Bové and Pau university lecturer Jean Ortiz, who had greatly contributed to the Bolivian President's visit to Pau.

More than 400 people were present at the ceremony, which took place in UPPA's Science and Technical amphitheatres, while nearly 400 more watched the event live on the university's Campus TV.

After the ceremony UPPA organised – with the support of Campus France, the French Agency for the Promotion of Higher Education, Hosting and International Mobility – an exchange of views between President Morales and a dozen Bolivian students studying in France.

There is a photo gallery where you can see key moments of the ceremony; the replay is still accessible on the university's [Campus TV](#).

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