

2018 GEM of the year Awards

Our Alumni
in the spotlight

The 2018 GEM of the Year Award recipients are:



2018 GEM Entrepreneur of the year

Ana Laborde GEM MIB 2007

BioSolutions, founded in 2010, is the first company in Mexico to produce bioplastics from agricultural byproducts. Her goal was simple: reduce the carbon and water footprints from traditional plastics. BioSolutions developed a proprietary patented technology to produce biocomposites based on natural fibers rich in cellulose, a byproduct of the Agave Tequila and syrup industry in Mexico, therefore offering a sustainable alternative to the packaging and plastic industry. In 2012, Ana was one of the TR35 award recipients granted by MIT's Technology Review Magazine as one of the 10 most innovative companies of Mexico. She was also named "Science Mind Quo" by Quo Magazine and Discovery Channel's Mentis Quo Magazine.



2018 GEM Start'up of the year

Grégoire Martel GEM MSE 2015 – ESC 2014



Living as an expat in Southeast Asia for the past decade, Grégoire Martel (2006 graduate and in GEM's incubator from 2004-2006) is an entrepreneur in new technologies. He has most notably co-founded Newlogic, a software consultancy based in Singapore, which specializes in biometrics and blockchain. Last June, Grégoire and his associates won the \$100,000 first prize at the Hong Kong EOS Global Blockchain Hackathon for their project ID PASS, which provides an open source platform that delivers trusted digital identification to 1.1 billion people who lack means to prove their identity and thus cannot access basic services such as education, healthcare and legal assistance.



2018 GEM Athlete of the year

Laura Tarantola GEM IFC 2017 – ESC 2019

24-year-old Laura graduated with a degree in Operations Management in 2017 from Grenoble Ecole de Management. She is currently a top-level athlete in rowing and is finishing a Master's degree at GEM's Sport and Management Institute (ISM). Laura has been rowing since she was 14 years old and has been crowned French Champion at least 13 times. She is this year's Women's Single Sculls World Champion and is now training for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics as a member of the French team. Enthusiastic, cheerful and organized, she manages perfectly both as an athlete and as a student. Upon graduation, Laura hopes to work in marketing and communication.



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Jean-Luc Vecchio GEM ESC 1994

1994 GEM graduate Jean-Luc is first and foremost a developer who is passionate about adding to his list of «firsts»: opening a new market, launching a new global software program, gaining a new client, joining new teams... For over 20 years, he has been immersed in «Enterprise Information Management» and «Business Process Services». After having sold a company, of which he was co-associate and CEO, to the Grenoble Group TESSI, he is now member of TESSI's executive committee and is in charge of its consulting activities and integration. Jean-Luc's passion for snow sports ties him to the Alpine region.