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The Fondation Napoléon's website www.napoleon.org is ten years old!

The Fondation Napoléon's website [napoleon.org](http://www.napoleon.org) was launched in July 1996 by the then president, Baron Gourgaud, with the aim of becoming an online documentation centre for the history of the First and Second French Empires, providing detailed and varied content, in both French and English, offering enthusiasts of Napoleonic history with a home on the web.

Since the beginning, the website [napoleon.org](http://www.napoleon.org) has been run by the Fondation's team of historians, documentalists and librarians, and today it offers a panorama of ten years of Napoleonic activity, in both French and English: press reviews, books published on First and Second Empire subjects, events world wide, interviews, not to mention special dossiers and exhibitions following the Napoleonic bicentenaries.

For its tenth birthday, the website [napoleon.org](http://www.napoleon.org) is to give itself a suit of new clothes and to offer some new services to its huge international public (for the first ten months of 2006 we have recorded circa *2,580 million sessions*):

- on 15 November, the site will have a new homepage and a new, RSS feed service;
- on 15, 22 and 29 November, French visitors to the site can take part in a prize quiz organised in partnership with the magazine *Napoléon Ier, le magazine du Consulat et de l'Empire* published by the Groupe Hommell;
- on 24 November, francophone visitors will be able to listen to voice interviews with personalities from the French-language world of Napoleonic history in particular and history in general (J. Tulard, P. Nora, E. de Waresquiel, P. Mondy, etc.), in partnership with *Europe 1*, including a new section of Napoleonic Funstuff, offering downloadable Napoleonic logos and ring tones for portable telephones.

Creation and mission of the Fondation Napoléon

The Fondation Napoléon was founded as a registered charity (d'utilité publique) in 1987 and both encourages and supports many different projects all with the same primary aims, namely, a deeper understanding of the period and the preservation and highlighting of the Napoleonic heritage:

- enrichment of the public library, the Bibliothèque M. Lapeyre;
- publication of the *Correspondance générale de Napoléon Bonaparte*, with Editions Fayard, and of works on First Empire history (the *Bibliothèque Napoléon*, with Nouveau Monde Editions);
- annual award of four history book prizes and six Research Grants;
- patronage of Napoleonic institutions and the great Napoleonic sites;
- exhibition of the Collection M. Lapeyre - Fondation Napoléon in France and abroad;
- support, both intellectual and financial, for Napoleonic activities of all sorts, notably those of the Association du Souvenir Napoléonien, société française d'histoire napoléonienne with its several thousand members.

The Fondation Napoléon also runs a website of Napoleonic archival material, www.napoleonica.org.

The Fondation Napoléon is funded by gifts and endowments, most notably by the bequest made to the Napoleonic world by Martial Lapeyre, renowned industrialist and great enthusiast for Napoleonic history. The president of the Fondation is Victor-André Masséna, Prince d'Essling. The board of trustees comprises representatives from the ministries of the Interior and Culture, representatives from the Association du Souvenir Napoléonien and qualified co-optees.