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France National Library (BNF) is giving up Wi-Fi :

BNF has decided to give up the Wi-Fi installation for a wired connection. Originally, this plan was prospecting the help of a private company, which for an installation free of charge could serve a part of the area around the Tolbiac site, was questioned by the FSU section of BNF and supported by other union sections.

The trade unions, after they discover the health effects of Wi-Fi and of electromagnetic wave radiations, rest on an American research study "Lee & Al" proving the genotoxic effects of 2450 MHz waves (used by Wi-Fi) on the Bio Initiative report produced by 14 international scientists who concluded to a regulation revision about electromagnetic waves exposure and a Clermont-Ferrand research study.

The unions organisation took support on a CHS of culture matters management CHS of the Paris city that was voting for advising the principle of a Wi-Fi moratoria in the libraries of Paris at the request of the Supap-FSU Parisian syndicate.

The decision taken by BNF is the first and it shows that the wired connection is a credible solution in regards to the Wi-Fi's one. This wired connection was previously proposed to the Paris City by Supap-FSU and "Priartem" and "Agir pour l'environnement" associations. BNF set back this proposition at the agenda.

Moreover, the Sainte Geneviève Library (ParisV) staff has written a petition asking to disconnect the Wi-Fi terminals already installed and their replacement with a wired connection. For information, Sainte-Geneviève Library is equipped with public Internet advice.

For what concerns the CHS of Censier-Sorbonne new university (ParisV) it was decided to disconnect a Wi-Fi terminal situated near a working place. The doctor of this instance was asking a follow up of their people at risk.

The FSU – BNF and supap-FSU unions are inviting the politic, university and cultural officials to reconsider the massive and systematic use of Wi-Fi and replace it by a general use of a wired connection. They are asking as well a discussion on the finality of such technology in university public reading rooms and patrimonial libraries.

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