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Patrick FUERTES graduated in chemical engineering at University of Marseille (ENSCL) in 1978. Then, he moved to Canada at the University of Quebec (Trois-Rivières), and has a first experience in the field of cellulose chemistry.

At the end of 1981, he joined Roquette, at the R & D. Center in Lestrem, Northern France. He started in the laboratory of Sugar Chemistry and was in charge of the Chemistry Department in 1986 with the aim to develop new products and new processes related to starch and sugar chemistry.

In 2006, Patrick Fuertes took the responsibility of the Research Division for the coordination of the research programs involving the chemistry, microbiology, fermentation and biochemistry departments. During this period, he worked out the scientific outline of the BioHub® program supported by the French Agency for Industrial Innovation. The object of the BioHub® programme is to develop with industrial and scientific partners new production outlets for chemicals based on renewable agricultural raw materials such as grain.