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In 1973, Bernard Bigot, former student of the École Normale Supérieure de Saint-Cloud, successively obtained a PhD in Physical Chemistry from the University of Paris 11 (Orsay) and a PhD in Physical Sciences from Pierre et Marie Curie University (Paris) in 1979. An associate professor in Physical Sciences, with an emphasis in Chemistry, Bernard Bigot is a former auditor at the Institut des Hautes Etudes de la Défense Nationale.

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Bernard Bigot took part in the founding of the École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, where he successively held the positions of associate director in charge of studies (1987–1993), of research (1998–2000) and director (2000–2003). As well as this regional activity, he was, at a ministerial level, head of the Scientific and Technical missions (1993–1996), director general of research and technology (1996–1997) and executive director of the minister responsible for research and new technologies (2002–2003).