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REPORT ON THE RESEARCH UNIT:
Centre de Recherches Linguistiques sur l'Asie
Orientale
CRLAO

UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE
FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS AND
RESEARCH BODIES:
École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales -
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Orientales - INALCO
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ÉVALUATION CAMPAIGN 2017-2018
GROUP D



In the name of Hcéres¹ :

Michel Cosnard, President

In the name of the experts committees² :

Rint Sybesma, Chairman of the committee

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¹ The president of HCERES "countersigns the evaluation reports set up by the experts committees and signed by their chairman." (Article 8, paragraph 5) ;

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UNIT PRESENTATION

Unit name:	Centre de Recherches Linguistiques sur l'Asie Orientale
Unit acronym:	CRLAO
Requested label:	UMR
Application type:	Renewal
Current number:	8563
Head of the unit (2017-2018):	Mr Redouane DJAMOURI
Project leader (2019-2023):	Ms Françoise BOTTÉRO

Number of teams or themes: four

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair: Mr Rint SYBESMA, Leiden, The Netherlands

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INTRODUCTION

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF THE UNIT

The Centre de recherches linguistiques sur l'Asie orientale, or CRLAO, is a so-called Unité mixte de recherche (UMR 8563, to be precise), and is funded by three organizations: the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), the Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientale (INALCO) and the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS). The unit was founded in 1960 as the Centre de linguistique chinoise and acquired its current name in 1971. Since January 1, 2001, the unit has been under the directorship of Redouane Djamouri, with a short interruption between January 2007 and February 2008.

The unit is located at 105 boulevard Raspail (Paris 14^e) and 2 rue de Lille (teams 1 and 3) Paris 7^e, with part of the documentary resources housed at 16 avenue Wilson (Paris 16^e).

MANAGEMENT TEAM

Director: Redouane DJAMOURI
 Deputy director:
 Manager: M. Hugues FELER

HCERES NOMENCLATURE

SHS4_1 Linguistique

SCIENTIFIC DOMAIN

The unit investigates all aspects of the languages spoken in East Asia. There is a strong focus on the languages of China, but other languages studied more or less intensively include those spoken in Japan, Korea and Vietnam. More in particular, members of the unit work in the following domains: typology and language contact (esp. in Sinitic and Tibeto-Burman languages, including the historical perspective); theoretical approaches of the morphosyntax and semantics of (modern) Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese and Japanese; description, documentation and reconstruction of the languages of (East) Asia; and the Chinese writing system. As such it is unique in the (western) world.

UNIT WORKFORCE

Unit workforce	Number 30/06/2017	Number 01/01/2019
Permanent staff		
Full professors and similar positions	5	4
Assistant professors and similar positions	6	7
Full time research directors (Directeurs de recherche) and similar positions	4	3
Full time research associates (Chargés de recherche) and similar positions	6	6
Other scientists ("Conservateurs, cadres scientifiques des EPIC, fondations, industries, etc.")	0	0

High school teachers	0	0
Supporting personnel (ITAs, BIATSSs and others, notably of EPICs)	2	2
TOTAL permanent staff	23	22
Non-permanent staff		
Non-permanent professors and associate professors, including emeritus	1	
Non-permanent full time scientists, including emeritus, post-docs	4	
Non-permanent supporting personnel	1	
PhD Students	19	
TOTAL non-permanent staff	25	
TOTAL unit	48	

GLOBAL ASSESSMENT OF THE UNIT

The unit has remained a place with top researchers, whose output is in general of top quality. They are also quite productive, with an average of about 2 publications per person per year (although there is quite a bit of variation among individuals) and very active in the international arena (in international conferences and in cooperating with top-ranked researchers abroad). The lion's share of the research is done on the languages of (greater) China, with excellent results in typology, language description, language comparison (e.g., with other Sino-Tibetan and Altaic languages), historical linguistics (including reconstruction), modern theoretical linguistics and the writing system. Japanese constitutes another area of substantial attention, with equally good research results. With recent appointments in the fields of Korean and Vietnamese linguistics, and an appointment for Mongolian in the planning, the unit reconfirms its dedication to a wider East Asian ambition. The unit is recommended to stimulate dissemination of its research results in venues with bigger international impact, to consider reflecting upon a common research agenda and to coordinate the application for (European) research grants.

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