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REPORT ON THE RESEARCH UNIT:
Laboratoire de Linguistique Formelle
LLF

UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE
FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS AND
RESEARCH BODIES:
Université Paris-Diderot
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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 :

Bencie Woll, Chairwoman of the committee

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UNIT PRESENTATION

Unit name:	Laboratoire de Linguistique Formelle
Unit acronym:	LLF
Requested label:	UMR
Application type:	Renewal
Current number:	7110
Head of the unit (2017-2018):	Mr Olivier BONAMI
Project leader (2019-2023):	Mr Olivier BONAMI
Number of teams or themes:	5

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair: Mrs Bencie Woll, University College London, United Kingdom

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HCERES scientific officer:

Mrs Anne CARLIER

Representatives of supervising institutions and bodies:

Mrs Hamida DEMIRDACHE, CNRS

Mr Federico TARRAGONI, University Paris-Diderot

INTRODUCTION

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF THE UNIT

The Formal Linguistics Laboratory (LLF) was founded in 1972, and has been a UMR since 2001. It has been located since 2013 in the Olympe de Gouges building on the Paris Rive Gauche campus of the University of Paris Diderot.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

The unit is headed by Mr Olivier Bonami, with Mrs Caterina Donati serving as deputy head.

HCERES NOMENCLATURE

SHS4 Esprit humain, langage, éducation

SCIENTIFIC DOMAIN

The formal linguistics laboratory undertakes research in formal linguistics, theoretical linguistics, and detailed descriptions of languages from various linguistic families (including sign languages) and makes use a variety of approaches, including experimental, quantitative and computational.

UNIT WORKFORCE

Unit workforce	Number 30/06/2017	Number 01/01/2019
Permanent staff		
Full professors and similar positions	7	7
Assistant professors and similar positions	11	12
Full time research directors (Directeurs de recherche) and similar positions	3	2
Full time research associates (Chargés de recherche) and similar positions	5	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)	4	5
TOTAL permanent staff	30	34

Non-permanent staff		
Non-permanent professors and associate professors, including emeritus	4	
Non-permanent full time scientists, including emeritus, post-docs	7	
Non-permanent supporting personnel	2	
PhD Students	44	
TOTAL non-permanent staff	57	
TOTAL unit	87	

GLOBAL ASSESSMENT OF THE UNIT

The LLF is one of the main research centres in linguistics in France, combining formal linguistics, theoretical linguistics, detailed descriptions of languages from various linguistic families (including sign languages), experimental, quantitative and computational approaches. The evaluation has shown the strength in depth of the unit, and its potential for creating a new collaborative effort applying quantitative and experimental methods to formal linguistics. By undertaking internal reorganisation since the 2013 report, moving from a language family grouping to a more methodological grouping, greater cross-disciplinary collaborations will be supported in the unit, and the exploitation of new approaches will be enhanced while at the same time enabling continuation of activity along more traditional lines. There has been progress towards a more targeted approach to publication in outlets that will have the greatest academic impact, but the unit will need to do more to develop activities that will achieve societal impact.

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