

REPORT ON THE RESEARCH UNIT:
Centre of Research Epidemiology and Statistics
Sorbonne Paris Cité
(CRESS)

UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE
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ÉVALUATION CAMPAIGN 2017-2018
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In the name of Hcéres¹:

Michel Cosnard, President

In the name of the expert committee²:

Bernard Burnand, Chairman of the
committee

Under the decree No.2014-1365 dated 14 November 2014,

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

² The evaluation reports "are signed by the chairman of the expert committee". (Article 11, paragraph 2).

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UNIT PRESENTATION

Unit name:	Centre of Research Epidemiology and Statistics Sorbonne Paris Cité
Unit acronym:	CRESS
Requested label:	
Application type:	Renewal
Current number:	
Head of the unit (2017-2018):	Mr Philippe RAVAUD
Project leader (2019-2023):	Mr Philippe RAVAUD
Number of teams:	9

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair:	Mr Bernard BURNAND, Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois, Suisse
Experts:	Mr Stephane AYMERICH, Institut Micalis, Thiverval-Grignon (representative of INRA CSS) Mr Mario CORTINA BORJA, UCL Institute of Child Health, UK Mr Lionel DESRAYAUX, DSI INSERM (supporting personnel) Mr Alain GRAND, Université Toulouse 3 Paul Sabatier (representative of CNU) Mr Mohammad Kamran IKRAM, University Medical Center, Rotterdam, The Netherlands Mr Scott MONTGOMERY, Örebro University Hospital and Karolinska Institutet, Sweden Ms Anne THIEBAUT Institut Pasteur/Université de Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines (representative of INSERM CSS)
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INTRODUCTION

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF THE UNIT

The Centre of Research in Epidemiology and Statistics Sorbonne Paris Cité (CRESS) was created in 2014, grouping initially five teams. The first incentive to create the centre was institutional. Two teams joined CRESS during the 2014-18 mandate and two additional teams will join in 2019. This will result in close to 350 collaborators, over 40% of them in a permanent position, including 42 full professors who will constitute the CRESS workforce.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

Mr Philippe Ravaud.

HCERES NOMENCLATURE

SVE6_2 Épidémiologie

SCIENTIFIC DOMAIN

The overarching goal of CRESS is to further develop and promote high quality and novel research in epidemiology and public health, allowing CRESS to become both an attractive internationally acknowledged research centre and the source of innovative solutions to be implemented in actual public health policies and practices. CRESS aims to develop epidemiological research for multiple chronic diseases, specific populations, developing novel methods and benefiting from access to or maintenance of several large cohort studies.

UNIT WORKFORCE

Unit workforce	Number 30/06/2017	Number 01/01/2019
Permanent staff		
Full professors and similar positions	37	42
Assistant professors and similar positions	24	22
Full time research directors (Directeurs de recherche) and similar positions	11	13
Full time research associates (Chargés de recherche) and similar positions	12	12
Other scientists ("Conservateurs, cadres scientifiques des EPIC, fondations, industries, etc.")	18	22
High school teachers	3	3
Supporting personnel (ITAs, BIATSSs and others, notably of EPICs)	42	44
TOTAL permanent staff	147	158
Non-permanent staff		

Non-permanent professors and associate professors, including emeritus	6	
Non-permanent full time scientists, including emeritus,post-docs	21	
Non-permanent supporting personnel	67	
PhD Students	65	
TOTAL non-permanent staff	159	
TOTAL unit	306	

GLOBAL ASSESSMENT OF THE UNIT

The quality of the scientific research is excellent, even outstanding for several teams. The production of about 3000 scientific publications, with a large proportion in high impact journals between January 2012 and July 2017, constitutes an impressive achievement. For some of them, these articles were leaded by a member of the unit. In addition, national media disseminated numerous communications derived from research, and several projects influenced national health policy (e.g., Nutri-Score). Enhanced collaboration between research teams, fostered by various approaches, needs to be pursued in the next mandate. The national and international reputation of the unit is excellent, which was confirmed by international projects regarding the different teams and international funding which grows these latest years. Academic training for research is attractive with 65 PhD students.

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