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Research evaluation

REPORT ON THE RESEARCH UNIT:
Paris Cardiovascular Research Center (PARCC)

UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE
FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS AND
RESEARCH BODIES:

Université Paris Descartes

Institut national de la santé et de la recherche
médicale - Inserm

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UNIT PRESENTATION

Unit name:	Paris Cardiovascular Research Center
Unit acronym:	PARCC
Requested label:	
Application type:	Restructuration
Current number:	Inserm UMR-S-970
Head of the unit (2017-2018):	Mr Alain TEDGUI
Project leader (2019-2023):	Ms Chantal BOULANGER
Number of teams:	12

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair:	Mr Paolo MADEDDU, University of Bristol, United Kingdom
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INTRODUCTION

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF THE UNIT

The unit currently is located at the Georges-Pompidou European Hospital. The site provides 4200m² space with laboratories, offices and core facilities, hosting a multi-disciplinary team of more than 250 basic, translational, and clinical scientists, as well as trainees, administrative staff and technicians. The unit has a long history of excellence and leadership in cardiovascular medicine and exerts strong influence on the international scientific society. In the last 5 years, the unit has strengthened its clinical focus with merging of new personnel in strategic sectors of their portfolio.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

Ms Chantal Boulanger has been selected by the team leaders as the new director of the unit. She will overlap with Mr Alain Tedgui in leading the unit during the next 12 months and then take full responsibility.

HCERES NOMENCLATURE

SVE2_2; SVE3_4; SVE5_1; SVE5_2; SVE5_4; SVE6_2.

SCIENTIFIC DOMAIN

Arterial disease, Angiogenesis, Hypertension, Heart failure, Cardio-oncology, Personalized medicine.

UNIT WORKFORCE

Unit workforce	Number 30/06/2017	Number 01/01/2019
Permanent staff		
Full professors and similar positions	38	45
Assistant professors and similar positions	19	17
Full time research directors (Directeurs de recherche) and similar positions	9	11
Full time research associates (Chargés de recherche) and similar positions	10	10
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)	42	41
TOTAL permanent staff	118	124
Non-permanent staff		
Non-permanent professors and associate professors, including emeritus	26	

Non-permanent full time scientists, including emeritus, post-docs	18	
Non-permanent supporting personnel	30	
PhD Students	50	
TOTAL non-permanent staff	124	
TOTAL unit	242	

GLOBAL ASSESSMENT OF THE UNIT

The unit has developed an outstanding program in the field of cardiovascular medicine, accomplishing exceptional results in the identification of molecular and cellular mechanisms implicated in the pathogenesis of atherosclerosis, heart attack and peripheral ischemia. They conducted epidemiologic and genetic studies in large groups of patients, which led to the identification of biomarkers and determinants of cardiovascular diseases. Moreover, they performed interventional studies for the assessment of safety and efficacy of novel treatments. Qualitative and quantitative indicators support the success of the activities developed during the last years. All the components of the unit have an internationally competitive publication record, with an exceptional number of publications and great influence on the scientific community. Unit members chaired international meetings and contributed substantially to editorial and reviewer activity of major journals and grant committees. The unit has an excellent training program and is well connected to society, with a number of initiatives to communicate results and the impact of their research on patients' lives. Unit members have succeeded in translating basic research into the clinic and conducted world class epidemiological and therapeutic clinical trials.

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