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Research evaluation

REPORT ON THE RESEARCH UNIT:

Centre d'Immunologie et des Maladies Infectieuses (Cimi-Paris)

UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS AND RESEARCH BODIES:

Université Pierre et Marie Curie

Institut National de la Santé et de la Recherche Médicale - INSERM

Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique - CNRS

EVALUATION CAMPAIGN 2017-2018

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Stéphanie Hugues, Chairwoman of the
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UNIT PRESENTATION

Unit name:	Centre d'Immunologie et des Maladies Infectieuses
Unit acronym:	Cimi
Requested label:	UMR-S
Application type:	Renewal
Current number:	1135
Head of the unit (2017-2018):	Mr Christophe COMBADIÈRE
Project leader (2019-2023):	Mr Christophe COMBADIÈRE
Number of teams or themes:	11

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair:	Ms Stéphanie HUGUES, Faculté de Médecine, Université de Genève, Suisse
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Ms Evelyne JOUVIN-MARCHE , Inserm

Mr Franck LAFFONT, CNRS

Mr Bruno Lucas, CNRS

INTRODUCTION

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF THE UNIT

The Centre for Immunology and Microbial Infections (CIMI) was created in 2014 by the "Pierre and Marie Curie University" (UPMC) and the French National Institute of Health and Medical Research (INSERM).

It is located in three different buildings on the University Campus of the Pitié- Salpêtrière hospital in Paris.

It is the result of the merger of numerous teams from the Inserm-, the CNRS- and UPMC-affiliated research laboratories, all initially part of the Federative Research Institute (IFR 113) "Immunity-Cancer-Infection" which was located within the Pitié- Salpêtrière hospital.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

The centre is headed by Mr Christophe COMBADIÈRE, supported in his duties by three deputy directors.

HCERES NOMENCLATURE

SVE3_4 Immunologie

SCIENTIFIC DOMAIN

The scientific goal of the CIMI is to provide new insights in the mechanisms underlying the ability of micro-organisms to cause disease and on understanding the functions of the immune system, both under normal and pathological conditions.

UNIT WORKFORCE

Unit workforce	Number 30/06/2017	Number 01/01/2019
Permanent staff		
Full professors and similar positions	18	15
Assistant professors and similar positions	24	19
Full time research directors (Directeurs de recherche) and similar positions	8	12
Full time research associates (Chargés de recherche) and similar positions	7	7
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)	34	22
TOTAL permanent staff	91	75
Non-permanent staff		
Non-permanent professors and associate professors, including emeritus	3	

Non-permanent full time scientists, including emeritus, post-docs	15	
Non-permanent supporting personnel	22	
PhD Students	63	
TOTAL non-permanent staff	103	
TOTAL unit	194	

GLOBAL ASSESSMENT OF THE UNIT

The CIMI is mainly focused on the functions of the immune system in normal or pathological conditions and the scientific strategy includes 3 main axes (autoimmune responses, tumour development, and infections).

Since its creation in January 2014, the CIMI main scientific achievements represent several seminal publications. Involvement in translational research is greatly facilitated by the access to valuable cohorts. Therefore, the CIMI has attracted new teams and has developed multiple efficient core facilities over the last 3 years. Moreover, good relationship with pharmaceutical companies, start-ups and engagement in several patents are a highlight of CIMI. Fundings are excellent as demonstrated by national and international grants, as well as industrial partnerships.

However, the publication record is very heterogenous between the different CIMI teams. As a consequence, the international visibility of some teams is not optimal.

Overall, the CIMI is a unique and very good center, successfully performing translational, industrial as well as fundamental research.

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