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REPORT ON THE RESEARCH UNIT:  
The Audition Institute (IdA)

UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE  
FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS AND  
RESEARCH BODIES:

Université Pierre et Marie Curie

Institut Pasteur

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

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CNRS

**ÉVALUATION CAMPAIGN 2017-2018**  
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## UNIT PRESENTATION

**Unit name:** The Audition Institute

**Unit acronym:** IdA

**Requested label:** UMR

**Application type:** de novo creation

**Current number:**

**Head of the unit  
(2017-2018):**

**Project leader  
(2019-2023):** Ms Christine PETIT

**Number of teams or themes:** 9

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Chair:** Mr Geoffrey MANLEY, Oldenburg University, Germany

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## INTRODUCTION

### HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF THE UNIT

The Audition Institute (IdA) is a new institute for auditory research that plans to open in 2019. It is located in the centre of Paris, 63 rue de Charenton, 75012 Paris.

### MANAGEMENT TEAM

The IdA will initially be managed by Ms Christine Petit.

### HCERES NOMENCLATURE

SVE4 Neurologie.

### SCIENTIFIC DOMAIN

The IdAs research topics will cover a very broad range from studying the function and dysfunction of the inner ear, genetic defects in the auditory system, central brain processing of sound, the optimal integration of research findings into the clinical context and the establishment of national, clinical data banks.

### UNIT WORKFORCE

Unit workforce	Number 30/06/2017	Number 01/01/2019
<b>Permanent staff</b>		
Full professors and similar positions	N/A	9 (ETP 4.2)
Assistant professors and similar positions	N/A	3 (ETP 2)
Full time research directors (Directeurs de recherche) and similar positions	N/A	6
Full time research associates (Chargés de recherche) and similar positions	N/A	8
Other scientists ("Conservateurs, cadres scientifiques des EPIC, fondations, industries, etc.")	N/A	9 (ETP 2.23)
High school teachers	N/A	0
Supporting personnel (ITAs, BIATSSs and others, notably of EPICs)	N/A	20
<b>TOTAL permanent staff</b>	N/A	55 (ETP 42.4)
<b>Non-permanent staff</b>		
Non-permanent professors and associate professors, including emeritus	N/A	
Non-permanent full time scientists, including emeritus, post-docs	N/A	

Non-permanent supporting personnel	N/A	
PhD Students	N/A	
<b>TOTAL non-permanent staff</b>	N/A	
<b>TOTAL unit</b>	<b>N/A</b>	

## GLOBAL ASSESSMENT OF THE UNIT

The IdA will, in the near future, combine multidisciplinary approaches to audition to promote a basic neurosciences and translational institute dedicated to understanding the hearing system, hearing deficits and deafness. The research areas range from the function of the sensory cells of the inner ear via genetic approaches to understanding syndromic and non-syndromic hearing loss, through to how the brain processes sounds. The IdA has secured funds from different sources, primarily the Foundation for Audition, and will support both young and senior scientists with outstanding publication records, strong international scientific recognition, and that use cutting-edge and precise technical approaches. The research teams will be brought together from different institutes and will be provided with adequate laboratory and office space and have access to the most modern equipment. The committee believes that this combination of talent and techniques will have a very substantial and exceptionally positive effect on both hearing research and the auditory health of the general population.

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