

FINAL RESUME ON THE RESEARCH UNIT:

Genetics, Reproduction and Development -
GReD

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UNIT PRESENTATION

Unit name:	Genetics, Reproduction and Development
Unit acronym:	GReD
Current label and N°:	CNRS UMR 6293 - CLERMONT UNIVERSITE - INSERM U1103
ID RNSR:	200820390H
Application type:	Renewal
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Number of teams and/or themes:	14

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INTRODUCTION

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF THE UNIT

The Genetics Reproduction and Development (GReD) laboratory was founded in 2008 under the joint sponsorship of the Université Blaise Pascal and the Université d'Auvergne with support from the region Auvergne, the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) and the Institut National de la Santé de la Recherche Médicale (INSERM). The GReD is a major biosciences research unit in Clermont-Ferrand with a focus on understanding the genetic and epigenetic programs underlying development, reproduction and abnormal, diseased states. The research of the GReD teams are aligned along three axes: (1) Genome Dynamics and Epigenetic Control (six teams); (2) Reproduction and Development in Health and Disease (five teams); (3) Endocrinology, Signalling and Cancer (three teams). The laboratory now consists of 14 research teams. The GReD researchers have expertise in plants, fungi, invertebrates such as *Drosophila*, and mammals including mouse and human. The unit was located at two separate sites ~3 km apart: the Faculty of Medicine of Clermont-Ferrand and the Cézeaux University campus. However, an important change occurred in 2017 when all research teams of the GReD moved to a new building, the Center for Clinical and Biological Research (CCBR), located on the medical campus.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

The unit is currently directed by C. Vaury, the Director since 2008, and J. Drevet, the Associate-Director. K. Jagla is proposed to become the Director for the next contract. A. Fogli is proposed as the future Associate-director.

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THEMATICS

The GReD focuses on three major topics: (i) Genome dynamics and epigenetic control, (ii) reproduction in health and disease, and (iii) endocrinology, signaling and cancer.

The unit uses the most appropriate biological models as a function of the question of interest: plants, fungi, vertebrate and invertebrate animals. The approaches span basic to translational research in partnership with the clinics and the private sector.

UNIT WORKFORCE

GReD		
Active staff	Number 06/30/2019	Number 01/01/2021
Full professors and similar positions	16	16
Assistant professors and similar positions	27	27
Full time research directors (Directeurs de recherche) and similar positions	14	14
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)	31	30

Permanent staff	95	94
Non-permanent professors and associate professors, including emeritus	0	
Non-permanent full time scientists, including emeritus, post-docs (except PhD students)	8	
PhD Students	26	
Non-permanent supporting personnel	3	
Non-permanent staff	37	
Total	132	94

GLOBAL ASSESSMENT OF THE UNIT

GReD is a unit operating in several fields of fundamental and translational biology concentrating on genome dynamics and epigenetics, reproduction, and endocrinology and cancer. The unit increased significantly the number and quality of its publications during the period. It was well funded in particular thanks to the region and the university. Nevertheless, it could still improve its European funding. The interactions with the industry were also improved compared to the previous period. In general, its interaction with the non-academic world were strong.

The unit was previously hosted in two separate campuses and has moved in 2017 in a brand-new building which has been equipped with up to date equipment run by several platforms. The profound reshaping of the institute wouldn't have been possible without the very strong support of the Université Clermont Auvergne and of the region Auvergne Rhône Alpes. During the period, the scientific output of the institute has progressed both in quantity and quality which benefits the time and money investments.

The quality of life in the institute has been assessed by the committee. It was apparent that all categories of personnel of the institute appreciate their work environment and that the new building is seen as an opportunity to network and collaborate.

The unit has responded to the recommendations of the previous visiting committee including to reinforce bioinformatics setting up a platform. Nevertheless, it should continue its efforts in that direction since many of the team projects will rely heavily on bioinformatics. Another area in which the unit should concentrate is the recruitment of foreign group leaders and post-doctoral fellows able to bring new ideas.

The unit is deeply involved in teaching at the university. This situation leads to an important flux of Master students. It also allows to attract very regularly PhD students. Nevertheless, the teaching burden of the professors and assistant-professors is heavy.

The committee wants to congratulate the current Director of the GReD, and the Deputy director, for their great leadership that led to the profound and positive transformation of the GReD. The future Director has the trust of the group leaders and the personnel to pursue current management's work.

The institute has thus the tools needed to produce excellent research in the next five years and is encouraged to pursue its quest for doing the best possible science.

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