

REPORT ON THE RESEARCH UNIT:

Laboratory of Physical and Chemical Biology of
Membrane Proteins (LBPC-PM)

UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS AND RESEARCH BODIES:

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In the name of Hcéres¹:

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In the name of the expert committee²:

Erik Goormaghtigh, Chairman of the
committee

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UNIT PRESENTATION

Unit name:	Laboratory of Physical and Chemical Biology of Membrane Proteins
Unit acronym:	LBPC-PM
Requested label:	UMR
Application type:	Renewal
Current number:	UMR 7099
Head of the unit (2017-2018):	Mr Bruno MIROUX
Project leader (2019-2023):	Mr Bruno MIROUX
Number of themes:	4

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair:	Mr Erik GOORMAGHTIGH, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgique
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INTRODUCTION

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF THE UNIT

The UMR 7099 is located at the Institute of Physical and Chemical Biology (IBPC) within the Paris Sciences Lettres University campus that brings together the École Normale Supérieure, the Curie Institute, Institut Henri Poincaré, Chimie-ParisTech and several other engineer schools. The unit is also close to the Collège de France and Paris Descartes Pharmacy University, with which it has institutional collaborations. The unit has been associated for more than 20 years with Paris-Diderot University Biology Department (UFR).

MANAGEMENT TEAM

The laboratory is headed by Mr Bruno MIROUX with assistance of a financial manager.

HCERES NOMENCLATURE

SVE2 Biologie Cellulaire, Imagerie, Biologie Moléculaire, Biochimie, Génomique, Biologie Systémique, Développement, Biologie Structurale.

SCIENTIFIC DOMAIN

The unit has a strong focus on fundamental mechanisms of membrane protein functions and membrane dynamics. In particular, it has developed considerable skills in energy coupling and supramolecular assembly of electron transfer chain, in molecular signalling of GPCR and in the transport and membrane dynamic in bacteria. The unit has also created outstanding tools for the study of membranes at the molecular level.

UNIT WORKFORCE

Unit workforce	Number 30/06/2017	Number 01/01/2019
Permanent staff		
Full professors and similar positions	0	0
Assistant professors and similar positions	1	1
Full time research directors (Directeurs de recherche) and similar positions	4	4
Full time research associates (Chargés de recherche) and similar positions	4	4
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)	7	7
TOTAL permanent staff	16	16
Non-permanent staff		

Non-permanent professors and associate professors, including emeritus	0	
Non-permanent full time scientists, including emeritus, post-docs	5	
Non-permanent supporting personnel	1	
PhD Students	5	
TOTAL non-permanent staff	11	
TOTAL unit	27	

GLOBAL ASSESSMENT OF THE UNIT

This evaluation covers the last five years of this research unit. The publication policy of the unit resulted in the production of a very good number of publications with a very high impact factor. The dissemination of the unit results was further strengthened by presentations at numerous international conferences and the organization of conferences. In addition, the unit has also "invented" and developed a new class of molecules, the amphipols, which represent today a key tool for the study of membrane proteins, in particular by cryo-EM. Currently, this tool is used worldwide. Finally, the committee underscores the quality of the management that provided excellent work conditions, with no exception, whatever the category of personnel.

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