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# GLOBAL HEALTH RESEARCH

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**Prof. Dr. Engineer Rachid Bennacer** (ENS Paris-Saclay), Coordinate international Affairs and international joint Ph.D, (since 2019) at University Paris-Saclay. He was Director of the Innovation-Prospective and Research division of the ECAM-EPMI (2017-2019) and dean of Civil Engineering department (2012-2016). His research expertise cover the Material-Energy interlink related to thermal building.

He published several books and chapters, more than 493 publications with more than 170 A-referenced international journals. (ISI WoK) He has supervised more than 27 Ph.D. students.



**Prof. Dr. Connie Bezzina** is Professor of Molecular Cardiogenetics at the Amsterdam University Medical Center (University of Amsterdam). Her main area of research is the genetic basis of inherited cardiac disorders that cause sudden cardiac death in the young. Professor Bezzina obtained her PhD in molecular genetics from the University of Malta in 1998.

She has since authored over 180 publications in this area, including publications in top-ranking scientific journals such as Nature Genetics, European Heart Journal and Circulation. In 2017 she was appointed a member of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences.



**Prof. Dr. Carle Bonafous-Murat** directed the Doctoral School EDEAGE (Doctoral School for English, German and European studies) from 2009 to 2011 and took part in reports conducted by the Agence d'évaluation de la recherche et de l'enseignement supérieur (AERES). He was President of the University of Sorbonne-Nouvelle, University Paris 3 (2014 – 2018), and Vice-President in charge of territorial coordination within the higher education group Université Sorbonne Paris Cité (USPC) from September 2018 to August 2019. Since September 2019, he acts as permanent representative to the French University Rectors Conference (CPU) in Brussels. He is also head of the Club of associated research organisations (CLORA) and the Euraxess France network.



**Prof. Dr. Alexandre Bonvin** studied Chemistry at Lausanne University, Switzerland and obtained his PhD at Utrecht University in the Netherlands (1993). After two post-docs at Yale (USA) and the ETHZ (CH) he joined Utrecht University in 1998 where he was appointed full professor of computational structural biology in 2009. He is currently Scientific Director of the Bijvoet Centre for Biomolecular Research and responsible for the Bijvoet graduate school, which is part of the Graduate School of Life Sciences at Utrecht University.



**Dr. Bibiane Fréché** is Head of Postgraduate Office and project manager in research and career development at the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) since 2011 and member of the PhD task force of the European university CIVIS. In 2017, she co-founded the Association for Professionals in Doctoral Education (PRIDE) and is part of the Executive Board.



**Dr. Virginie Sivan** holds a doctorate in biology (University of Paris VI). In 2002, she began her career in a CRO as a researcher, in charge of pre-clinical research. She joined the CEA in 2008, first as coordinator of the ERA-Net EuroNanoMed, then as Head of European Affairs in the Life Sciences Department and Deputy Head of European Affairs in the Fundamental Research Department. Since 1 November 2018, Virginie Sivan has joined the French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, where she is the French representative for the Horizon 2020 Health, ERC and FET programme committees and for the Horizon Europe Health programme committee.



**Prof. Dr. Pierre Van Damme** is currently full professor and vice-dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at the University of Antwerp where he is chairman of the Vaccine & Infectious Disease Institute (VAXINFECTIO, University of Antwerp). He has been for more than 10 years a regular advisor for national and international organizations. He has been appointed as chairman of the European Technical Advisory Group of Experts on communicable diseases and vaccines for the WHO European Region (ETAGE) (2005-2015). He is a member of the Belgian Royal Academy of Medicine since 2008, and of the board of UNICEF Belgium (2010-2018).