

Appointment of Dominique Dunon-Bluteau as Scientific Operations Director and Philippe Bouvet as Head of the Biology and Health department of the French National Research Agency



Dominique Dunon-Bluteau has been appointed Scientific Operations Director as from 1 February 2022. He succeeds Yves Fort who has held this position since July 2014. Dominique Dunon-Bluteau graduated from the *École Normale Supérieure de Saint-Cloud* and holds a PhD in Biology from the University of Paris-Diderot (1987). He has been the Head of the Biology and Health Department of the French National Research Agency since 2018, and the Scientific Operations Deputy Director since 1 November 2021.

He began his career as a research professor at the *École Normale Supérieure de Saint-Cloud*, then at the ENS Paris before joining the Basel Institute for Immunology in 1989. He was appointed as a Professor in Developmental and Cellular Biology at the Pierre and Marie Curie University (UPMC) in 1993, where he established the Master's degree in Molecular Cell Biology in 2004 before directing the Department of Biology (2005-2010).

From 2010 to 2014, he acted as a scientific adviser at the French Embassy in Switzerland. In 2014, he joined the cabinet of the State Secretariat for Higher education and Research as a Biology and Health advisor.

From 2015 to 2018, he acted as Scientific Deputy Director for the National Institute of Biological Sciences (an institute of the French National Centre for Scientific Research, or CNRS) where he contributed to the development of multidisciplinary research programmes.

Dominique Dunon-Bluteau is an expert in immune system development, hematopoietic stem cells emergence and cell adhesion.



Philippe Bouvet has been appointed Head of the Biology and Health department of the French National Research Agency (ANR) as of 1 February 2022. He succeeds Dominique Dunon-Bluteau, who has held this position since 2018.

Philippe Bouvet, 57, a senior fellow and professor in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, graduated from the University of Rennes. In 1992, he defended a PhD thesis on mRNA stability in eukaryotes and procaryotes, under the supervision of J. Belasco from Harvard Medical School in Boston, USA, and M. Philippe and H.B. Osborne from the University of Rennes.

Following two years of post-doctoral research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, USA, he became a CNRS research Fellow at the Laboratory of Eukaryotic Molecular Biology (LBME) in Toulouse (1994-1998), then at the Institute of Pharmacology and Structural Biology (IPBS) in Toulouse (1998-2000). He was appointed as a professor at the ENS Lyon as of 2000.

In 1999, he was in charge of the “Ribosome Biogenesis” group at the Institute of Pharmacology and Structural Biology (IPBS), then at the Laboratory of Biology and Modeling of the Cell (LBMC) at the ENS Lyon. He also directed the Multidisciplinary Joliot-Curie Laboratory at the ENS Lyon from 2004 to 2011. He has been conducting research at the Cancer Research Centre of Lyon (CRCL) since 2015.

He became a member of the *Institut Universitaire de France* in 2005, he was an auditor, from the 8th promotion, at the *Institut des Hautes Etudes de l'Entreprise* (2007-2008) and scientific delegate of AERES (the French National Agency for the Evaluation of Research and Higher education) between 2007 and 2009.

He joined the ANR in 2014 as Principal Investigator in the Biology and Health Department and became Dominique Dunon-Bluteau's Deputy in February 2021.

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