



EU-LIFE Woman Postdoc Mentoring Programme

Short bios of mentors



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Geneviève Almouzni has a longstanding interest in supporting women in science, in her team, in her unit, her institute and in all her investment in various scientific context. She was highly engaged for the LIBRA project in EU-LIFE, convinced women facing difficulties should be supported, and exchanging, sharing experiences to evolve was a major step for the success of the project.

She is EMBO member, Member of the French Academy of Sciences, fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences, Director of the Research Center of the Institut Curie from 2013 to 2018 and (honorary director since then) is a director of research exceptional class at the CNRS and Principal Investigator at Institut Curie since 1994. She is a world leader in genome organization and function during development and health. Her research explored chromatin dynamics combining biochemistry, cell biology and physical approaches with advanced imaging and omics and she trained many scientists in this field. Active in the field of Epigenetics and European actions, she coordinated the EpiGeneSys Network of Excellence to move epigenetics towards systems biology and then the Labex DEEP with a major focus on mentoring young group leaders. She received distinctions as officer of the merit order, knight of the legion of honors, knight of the Academic Palms (2021) and benefited from competitive grants (ERC Advanced Grants and Proof concept, a Pathfinder SuperRes) and awards including Woman in Sciences FEBS / EMBO (2013) and the grand prix FRM (2014). She served on the EMBO Council, as chair of the EU-LIFE alliance, as co-chair of the European LifeTime initiative and was appointed on the ERC council in 2019, where she is chairing the working group on Gender and diversity issues.