# PLANT REPRODUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT LABORATORY — RDP



# MULTIDISCIPLINARY FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH LABORATORY, OPEN TO TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH

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## **RESEARCH TOPICS**

BIOLOGY AND EVOLUTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF PLANTS AND THEIR REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEMS (molecular genetics, genomics and bioinformatics, cell biology)

PREDICTIVE BIOLOGY: ROLE OF BIOCHEMICAL AND MECHANICAL SIGNALS IN MORPHOGENESIS (optical and mechanical engineering, imaging on living tissues, biophysics, mathematical and computer modelling)

SOCIETAL ISSUES: ANTHROPOCENE, AGRICULTURE, ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN PLANNING





# **RESEARCH EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS**

### Technical platforms

- Optical and mechanical imaging: AFM, microindentor, SEM, confocal microscopes with microfluidics systems, microfabrication
- Cytology: In situ hybridization and immunolocalization
- Growth rooms, greenhouse
- Maize transformation

### Development of tools and databases: some examples

- Genomic databases for Rose and Petunia
- Petunia mutant collection
- GNOMON: computer platform including algorithms for 3D reconstruction, cell segmentation, lineage tracking and modeling

## **KEY FIGURES**

115	staff including <b>32</b> permanent researchers, <b>34</b> PhD students and post-doctoral fellows and <b>49</b> research support staff
Ouer the last 5 years:	
240	publications
12	prizes and distinctions including 2 prizes from the French Academy of Sciences, 2 CNRS crystal medals, 1 CNRS silver medal and 1 member of the IUF
97	publicly funded research contracts including 68 national, 25 European and 4 intercontinental
13	privately funded contracts
2	patents
TRL scale between $1_{and} 5-6$	

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### FROM THE LABORATORY TO THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC WORLD

- Close interactions with INRAE centers
- Participation in CNRS inter-institutional research networks (GDRs) and international research networks (IRP and IRN)
- A wide range of national and international academic collaborators
- Strong collaborations (consortia and direct collaborations) with international companies: plant biotechnology, seeds, agri-food, microscopy, etc.
- Citizen science projects with local farmers and stakeholders

## FOCUS ON

### Institutional partnership research

• ChromAuxi project (2018 ANR open project call) with the LPCV Laboratory in Grenoble: generation of fundamental knowledge about auxin signaling mechanisms, which are essential for the development of plants.

> Expertise: imaging living tissues, development of genetically coded fluorescent biosensors, genomics, image analysis and bioinformatics.

### Private partnership research

- Spelt project with 10 farmer-bakers, the Resource Center in Applied Botany (CRBA), the Fondation des Treilles, and chefs (PhD project): biodiversity of cultivated cereals, adaptation of spelts to climate change, nutritional value compared to soft wheat, using participative research.
- > Expertise: biology of plant development, use of plant resources in agriculture, Anthropocene issues.
- Long-term collaboration with the company Limagrain, a major international seed group (CIFRE PhD project and bilateral partnership): molecular characterization of fertilization in maize, for the generation of new plant breeding tools.
- > **Expertise:** fertilization of plants and implementation of a varied set of cell biology and molecular genetics approaches.
- Collaboration with the company Belle de Maïa, specialized in cosmetics (CIFRE PhD project and bilateral partnership): genomic characterization of roses of interest.
- > Expertise: plant developmental biology, rose genomics, molecular biology, bioinformatics.

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