

Profession of Faith

Ensuring the future of science and innovation requires strong and robust support of both fundamental and translational research. This is exceptionally true and imperative today, as we all face the threat of emerging infectious diseases, and we are all impacted by global environmental, ecological and geopolitical changes. Promoting excellence in scientific research is hence primordial, and can be achieved only by rigorous and transparent evaluation of the qualities, expertise, productions and implication of scientific researchers.

If elected as member of the CoNRS section 29, I hereby engage to:

- 1) Evaluate research based on criteria of quality, excellence and impact (that cannot be determined only via bibliometric measures). I believe that these scientific parameters are best valued by analyzing whether research work results in:
 - Generation of genuine novel knowledge
 - Elaboration of relevant and necessary intra/inter disciplinary scientific collaborations
 - Potential translation to industrial and clinical strategies for the benefit of society
 - Visibility and recognition at both national and international levels
 - Participation in formations, training and administrative aspects of the scientific life
 - Diffusion of discoveries, especially to younger generations and the general public
- 2) Provide equal chance, to main-stream and timely topics that consolidate and expand acquired knowledge, and to ambitious, cutting-edge and riskier 'out-of-the-box' projects that promote original, dogma-shifting and rupture science.
- 3) Consider the crucial contributions of all actors of scientific research, equally those of PIs and consolidated teams and those of young investigators and recently-created teams, with recognition of the key roles played by engineers and technicians.
- 4) Promote diversity, equality and equity, as well as work well-being, respect and openness.
- 5) Advance exchange between different scientific players, and participate in their evolution for efficient and optimal assessment of staff and research structures.
- 6) Undertake that the conclusions of the session are communicated with the greatest transparency and confidentiality of the discussions.