

BIAM

Green Solutions for Tomorrow

Institut de Biosciences et biotechnologies
d'Aix-Marseille

BIAM LSCE, January 2024



A Joint Multi-site Research Unit



Fundamental Division

Hosted Unit in the Cadarache
centre

(35 researchers 35 ETA)



Principal Institute: INSB
Principal Section: 23

Secondary Institute: INEE
Secondary Section: 29

Delegation DR12

(12 researchers 10 ETA)



AMU Institutes:
IM2B and ITEM

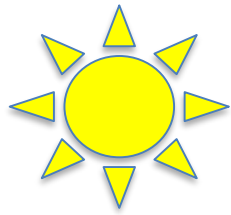
Doctoral Schools:
62 (Life and Health Sciences),
250 (Chemical Science)
251 (Environmental Science)

(8 EC, 3 ETA)

**180 people from 24 nationalities including 101
permanent staff from the 3 institutions**



Environmental ressources



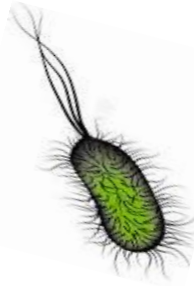
CO₂

Nutriments
(phosphate, metals)

And constraints

Toxics
Climatic changes

Model organisms



And ecosystems

Contaminated environments

In Natura microorganisms-plant-soil interface

Aquatic environmental bacteria



Outputs

Mechanisms & knowledge (Publications)

Contribution to societal challenges

Bioenergy

Biomass, Biofuel, Bioenergy,
High added value compounds

Environmental Engineering

Bio-accumulation, Bio-remediation, Bio-detection,
Biointrants
Carbon sequestration

Innovative Biotechnologies

bio-molecules, (nano)materials
Selective metal extraction
and recycling
Theragnostic, health
Applications of nanomaterials

Three major research axis

Response and acclimatation to
environmental challenges

BIOENERGIE



From
photosynthesis to
bioenergies

Photosynthetic organisms and
microorganisms



ENVIRONNEMENT

From life principles to
innovative biomolecules
and biomaterial

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Response and acclimation to environmental challenges

Section 23

BIOENERGIE

Transition énergétique

IM2B

Aix-Marseille
université
Socialement engagée

Photosynthetic organisms and microorganisms

From
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Sections 20 & 16



Transition climatique et
environnementale

Sections 29 et 30

ENVIRONNEMENT

ITEM

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BIAM has a strong national and international notoriety

Scientific production:

- ~62 yearly publications, IF > 7
- Papers in highly-rated specialized journals in our field and in general journals like Science, Nature, PNAS, Nature Communications, eLife...
- 2016-2021, 10 WoS "Highly cited papers"

Visibility:

- BIAM's members are editor associated of 20 journals
- BIAM's members were involved in the organization of 25 congresses
- More than 60 invitations in national and international meetings
- BIAM's members are involved in 10 scientific societies
- 3 BIAM's members at the CNRS 'comité national'

Awards

- 14 prizes in national and international congress.
- In 2022, nomination in the 30 under 30 of Forbes and award from the Académie des Sciences.

369 rank A articles and 24 book chapters



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Strong national and international outreach



National Academic Networks (IM2B, GDR)



European Projects

Bilateral Projects: Brazil, Germany, Japan, Israel, USA, China.

Numerous research contracts

External Resources: around 1,2 M€ per year

Public funding:

ANR: 31 ongoing projects

H2020, PIA, A*MIDEX

Private funding:

TOTAL, ORANO, BIOGEMMA, ROULLIER, LIMAGRAIN, BIOVITIS

**Plant biology and Bioenergy teaching
in Aix-Marseille University**

369 articles de rang A et 24 chapitres de livre



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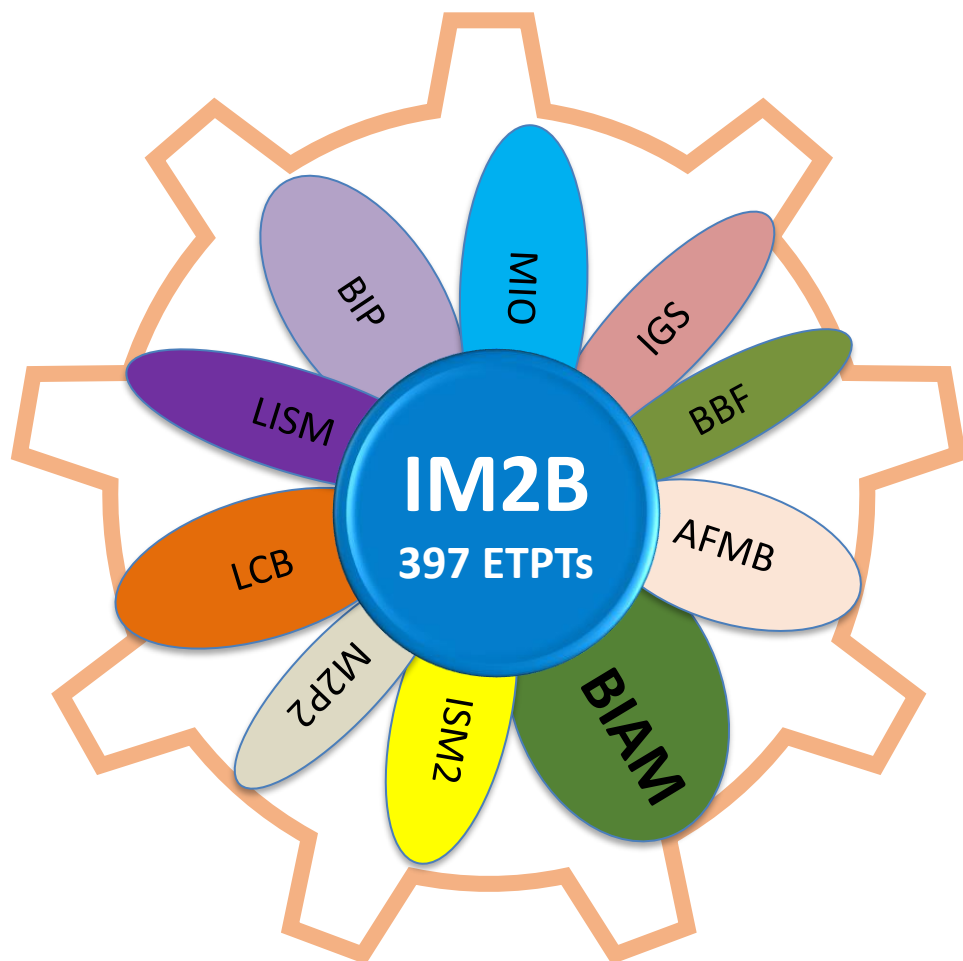
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BIAM: an active member of the thematic Institutes of AMU

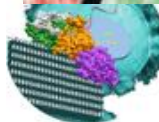
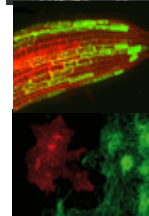
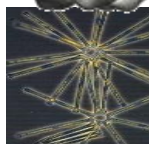
(IM2B: Microbiology, Bioenergy and Biotechnology)

RESEARCH

10 Laboratories



14 Platforms



TRAINING

Master Level

Structural biology and genomic
Fundamental Microbiology
Life chemistry
Environmental biology and biotechnologies

LGBP

PhD Level

A tailor-made program developed by and for students
An interdisciplinary, professionalized and open to the world training



Joining IM2B's Plinius Cursus program is a guarantee of success for a winning doctorate and a training that prepares you for an international career

New Building and new equipments



8 000 m²

20 M€ FEDER/CPER, CD13, Métropole, CEA

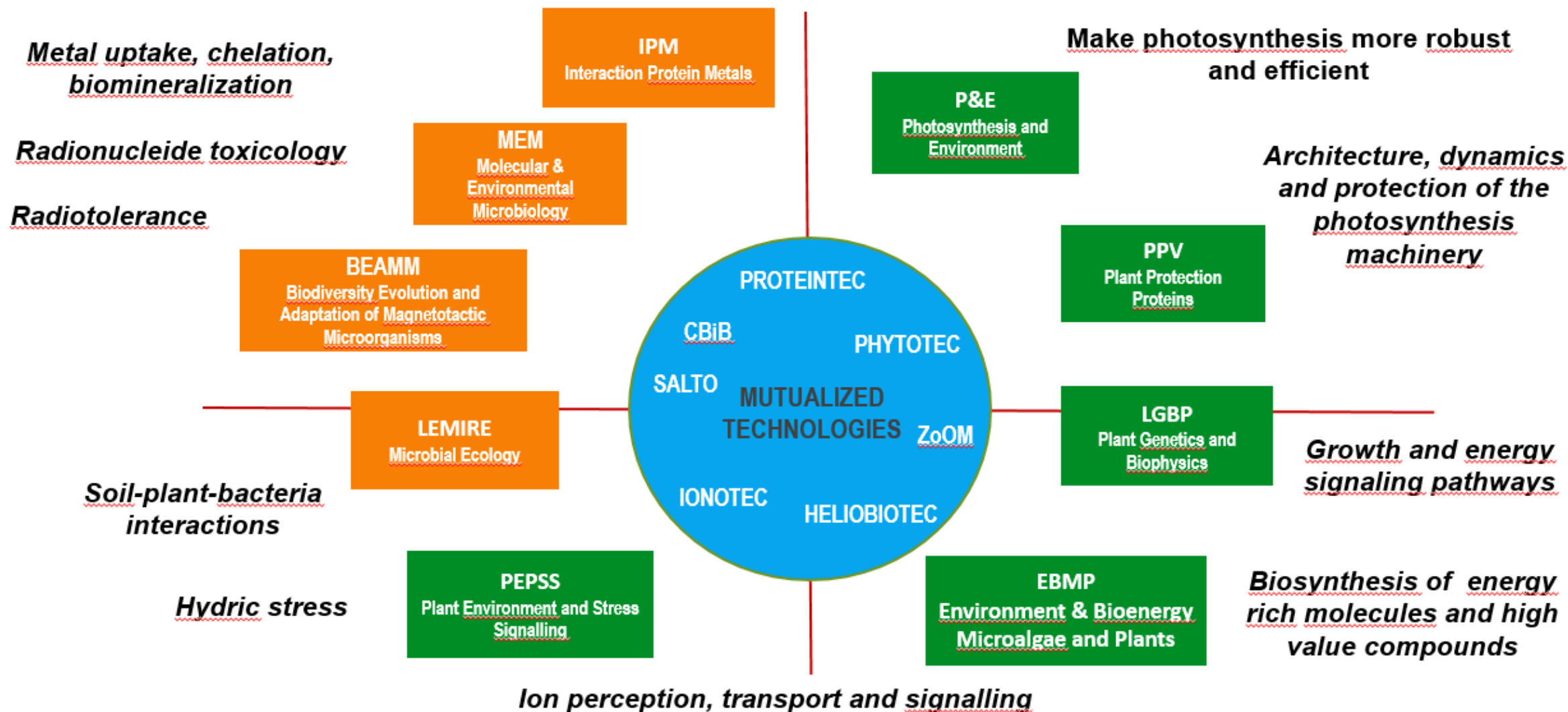


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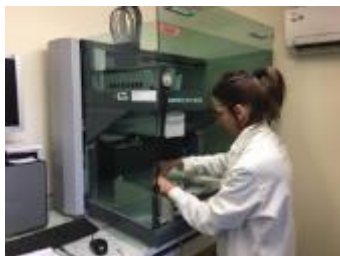
Plan Campus/Investissement d'Avenir



Nine research teams & seven platforms



Collaborative platforms or ressources

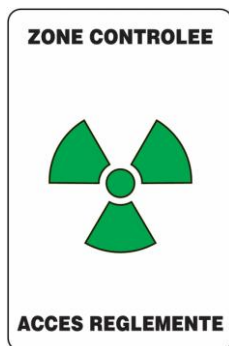


PROTEINTEC

Medium-throughput expression of recombinant proteins
From purification to structural analysis

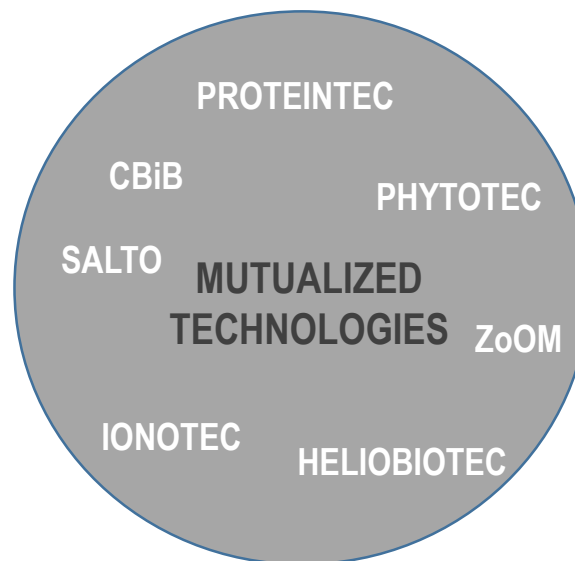
PHYTOTEC

Measures and culture under controlled conditions
Experimentation under modified atmosphere
Isotopic labelling
Environmental stress



SALTO

Microbiology and plant lab for the use of radioisotope tracers or radionuclides



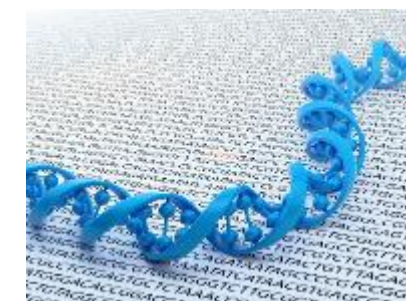
HELIOBIOTEC

Culture in controlled photobioreactors
Metabolomic analysis of lipidic compounds
Gas exchange measure



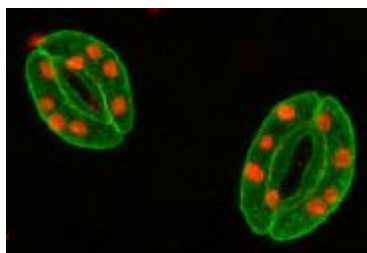
CBiB (2022)

Bio-Informatics and bio-statistics
Training



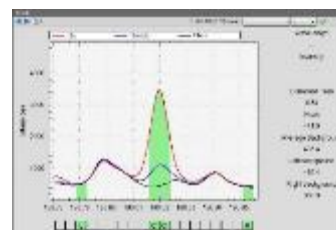
ZOOM

Pool of microscopes (optic, confocal)
Training



IONOTEC

Measure of ion concentration
• ICP-OES
• ICP-MS



BIAM contributed to the creation of two startups, a third one enters in the CEA maturation program Magellan



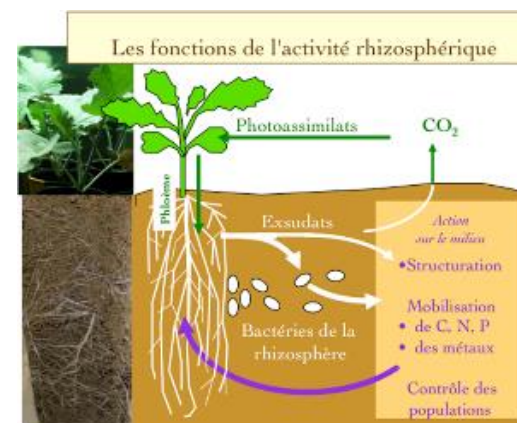
Organic aqueous waste
treatment by photosynthetic
bacteria

Licensing and collaboration agreement through CEA

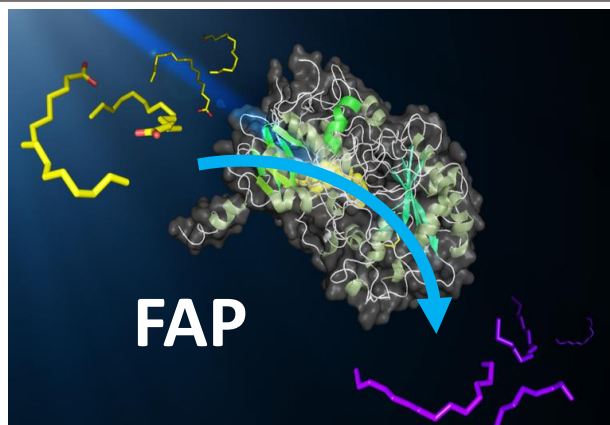


Development of biostimulants
from soil microorganisms for
agriculture

Licensing and collaboration agreement through CNRS



Production of pure and
biosourced linear
hydrocarbons for cosmetics



Magellan programme for StartUp creation

Alcasun project phase 2: maturation of the
technology starting 2023

Our DNA: equality, responsibility, integrity

People at the heart of our projects

- Gender equality, training for young employees
- Serenity charter
- Taking account of disabilities

The environment at the heart of our projects

- Eco-responsibility: BIAMagasin, Labo1.5
- numerous actions carried out by the EcoBiam group

Responsible communication at the heart of our projects

- Open science: 95% of the articles produced are in Open access and/or deposited in open archives (HAL, BioRxiv,...).

Scientific integrity

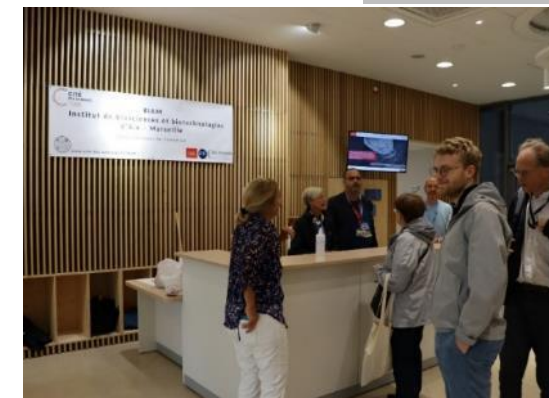
- Mandatory Lab note-books
- Mandatory lecture on scientific ethics to all our student and newcomers



Studying nature to help it adapt to climate change
(RESTORE and 4 for 1000 project)



From solar radiation to biofuels, cosmetics and nutrition!



In 2022:

- **Educational workshops** in schools: more than 600 students will benefit
- **Family-Friends Day**: 500 visitors at BIAM
- **Fête de la science** in Manosque: 480 schoolchildren + 200 general public on the BIAM stand
- **Visits** to the building: 430 visitors

