

Our outstanding labmanager : Amandine Blanco, CNRS research assistant

Amandine Blanco has been with me since the beginning of my lab in 2012 when I arrived at the institute as a totally unexperienced junior PI. She not helped me set up the lab from scratch, but was especially amazing setting up a special high security biosafety level 3 facility to study extremely virulent and infectious bacterial pathogens. We have continuous inspections and each time Amandine ensures it all goes smoothly. She has also set up high-resolution microscopy imaging for our lab and is our in-house expert in microscopy approaches to study bacterial pathogenesis. I had a rough year in 2018, with severe illness and Amandine's presence in the lab was essential to maintain stability, guide the younger students and manage the lab. Since the beginning of the lab she has had 2 wonderful boys and has always kept a smile, even through the hard times. She is an outstanding lab manager!

