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Geneviève Almouzni

Microbiology and genetics

French microbiologist born in Algeria, Geneviève Almouzni is the first woman since Marie Curie and her daughter Irène to hold the position of director of the Curie Institute Research Centre.

Specialising in the genome and epigenetics (the study of how genetic information in DNA is transmitted), she studies the transmission of genetic and epigenetic information in eukaryotic cells and the potential impact of certain errors in the regulation of this transmission, particularly in cancer cells. Her research, therefore, provides key insights into cancer prevention.

Within the field of epigenetics, Almouzni has focused on the role of certain proteins in the development of tumours, in particular the role of histones and chromatin in the control of gene activity.

She has received the European Research Award and the EMBO Women in Science Award.



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