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- 1 The renovation of the Collège de France's Building E is now complete, and final technical adjustments were made before the inauguration [by François Hollande, President of the Republic, on 17 March 2015]. This rehabilitation concludes three successive stages of large-scale construction work carried out at the Collège de France over the last twenty-three years. The seven-storey, 7,000 m² building will house the offices and laboratories of the institution's physics and chemistry researchers, an international centre for Annual Chairs and visiting professors, and shared scientific services and facilities. Behind the walls of the restored 1930s building, the renovated spaces, the renovated spaces organized around an inside patio provide a functional and particularly welcoming environment.
- 2 This new building perfectly reflects the Collège de France's tradition of closely combining experimental and theoretical research. It will host the Physics Institute and

the Chemistry Institute, each comprised of three Chairs devoted to these disciplines, as well as their teams of junior researchers.

- 3 These two institutes are located near the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Biology (CIRB), headed by Prof. Alain Prochiantz, and based in the adjacent building since 2011. The reconstruction work, carried out since 1991 at the initiative of Prof. Jacques Glowinski (Collège de France Administrator from 2000 to 2006), has been designed to foster fruitful interaction between disciplines, facilitated by the architectural communication between the buildings. In the final stage of the work, a spacious terrace was added at the top of the building.
- 4 The Bettencourt Schueller Foundation's support was instrumental in the development of the programme to rehabilitate the laboratory buildings
- 5 In this special report, Prof. Jean Dalibard presents the Physics Institute and Prof. Marc Fontecave, the Chemistry Institute. Prof. Alain Prochiantz reminds us of the organisation of the CIRB, which preceded the newly created institutes.