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**b<>com unveils its International Scientific Council**

**Symbolising the Technological Research Institute's (IRT) open governance, it is composed of 9 French and foreign scientific personalities who are well-known in b<>com's activity and research fields.**

The council's vocation is to guide b<>com's scientific strategy:

- It is involved in the IRT's scientific programming, issuing recommendations for the 3 main areas of activity on b<>com's roadmap: ultra fast broadband networks, hypermedia and e-health.
- It contributes to the IRT's international influence and attractiveness.

The International Scientific Council is appointed by the Board of Management for a renewable 3-year period. It will meet for the first time in spring 2014 in Rennes.

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*Vincent Marcatté, President of the IRT, is delighted with the formation of this group: "We have brought together highly-skilled experts who complement each other perfectly: professors with Europe-wide reputations, R&D directors from major industrial groups and so on. In short, these are recognised personalities who will enlighten and contribute to b<>com's international development. "*

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**Members of b<>com's International Scientific Council****b com**

**Alberto del Bimbo**  
University of Florence,  
ITALY



**Serge Fdida**  
University Pierre & Marie  
Curie, FRANCE



**Christine Jacqmot**  
Université Catholique  
of Leuven, BELGIUM



**Didier Lebrat**  
Sky, UK



**François Neumann**  
Safran Electronics,  
FRANCE



**Wiro J. Niessen**  
Erasmus MC University,  
Netherlands



**Catherine Rosenberg**  
Université of Waterloo,  
CANADA



**Dominique Thomas**  
ST Microelectronics  
Crolles, FRANCE



**Hugues Vinet**  
IRCAM, FRANCE

## The members of the International Scientific Council:

From prestigious universities and boasting excellent backgrounds, the expertise provided by the members of the International Scientific Council is very close to b<>com's own programmes: networks, information systems, medical imaging, Internet of the future, sound science and technology etc.

- > **Alberto del Bimbo**, Professor and engineer at the University of Florence, **ITALY**  
Director of Media Integration and Communication Center and the Master in Multimedia program of the University of Florence.
- > **Serge Fdida**, Professor of IT at Pierre et Marie Curie University, Paris, **FRANCE**  
His research interests are related to the Internet technology and protocols, with an emphasis on innovative wireless networks and large-scale content distribution systems.
- > **Christine Jacqmot**, Head of the office for quality evaluation at the Catholic University of Leuven, **BELGIUM**  
An expert in operational systems and e-learning, for 15 years she has been dedicated to improving the quality of teaching at the University.
- > **Didier Lebrat**, Chief Technology Officer, Sky, **UK**  
Didier leads the Technical strategy, development and operations for broadcast, IT, Internet and Network platforms.
- > **François Neumann**, VP, Director of research and technology, Safran Electronics, **FRANCE**  
His career is dedicated to innovation integrated into information systems.
- > **Wiro J. Niessen**, Professor of Biomedical Image Analysis at Erasmus University Medical Center, **NETHERLANDS**  
Distinguished several times for his many publications, he is leading the Biomedical Imaging Group Rotterdam of the Departments of Radiology and Medical Informatics.
- > **Catherine Rosenberg**, Professor at Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Waterloo, **CANADA**  
This telecommunications expert teaches here and holds the Canada Research Chair in the Future Internet.
- > **Dominique Thomas**, R&D Partnerships Director, STMicroelectronics Crolles, **FRANCE**  
A graduate of the *Ecole Polytechnique*, he has been running R&D departments in the electronics industry for the last 25 years.
- > **Hugues Vinet**, Director of the R&D department at the IRCAM (Acoustic and Musical Research and Coordination Institute), **FRANCE**  
His work over the last 30 years has been dedicated to managing interdisciplinary research in science and technology of music and sound.

## About b<>com

The b<>com Technological Research Institute (IRT) is dedicated to boost development and marketing of tools, products and services that improve everyday's life, thanks to research and innovation in digital technologies. In concrete terms, b<>com innovates at the highest level in the areas of hypermedia (ultra high definition images, 3D, intelligent content, virtual and augmented reality, etc.), smarter and faster networks and e-health as the first area of application.

It is located in Rennes and was launched at the end of 2012. It is supported by French government, Brittany Region and Cities Councils (Rennes, Lannion and Brest).

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