



User at a Glance

Eppendorf knows the users of its products and their specific requirements for various applications very well. Here, we would like to introduce some of our valued customers - or rather: let them introduce themselves by answering five questions - about themselves, their employer and current challenges they face in their market.

For this issue we have interviewed Charlotte Mignon about her work and private life. Charlotte is a Research Engineer at BIOASTER®, a Technology Research Institute located in Lyon, France. Charlotte discussed her motivation on the job, what her research is about and how she spends her free time.

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What three words would your colleagues use to describe you?

As I have such nice colleagues, they have answered the question for me with the words: friendly, conscientious and efficient.

Where and how did you spend your last vacation?

I spent my last vacation in Belle-île-en-mer, an island in the North-West of France. It is relatively rare that I stay in France for vacation and I usually prefer to visit other countries to discover new cultures. Last year, I got the chance to visit Japan from Tokyo to Kyoto. Everything in this country was so impressive (landscapes, history, people). I really want to go back there and visit another part of it.

What do you especially like about your job?

I work for a Research Foundation founded in 2012 focusing its work on infectious diseases and microbiology. The nice thing about this job is taking part in the challenge of building a novel institute from scratch. Actually, the thing I like the most in my job is my team. With different backgrounds and experiences, we are working hard together to innovate, drive science forward and get things done.



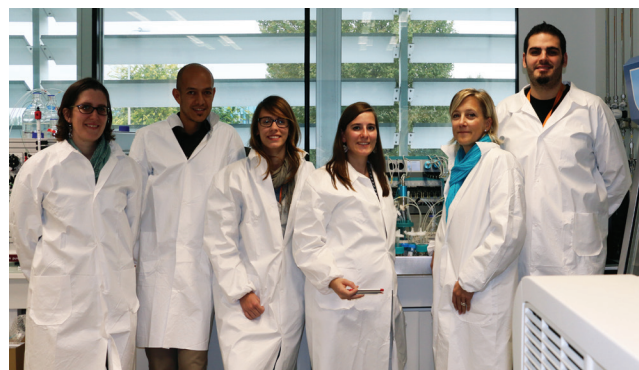
Charlotte Mignon, Research Engineer at BIOASTER in Lyon, France

How did you get in touch with Eppendorf bioprocess equipment?

When we started our lab activities in 2013, we wanted to buy a single-use culture device allowing us to perform cell culture and bacterial fermentation. We finally invested in the single-use DASbox® system and it is a pleasure to use it so far. When we moved to our brand-new building, all the support from the Eppendorf bioprocess team was very helpful to reinstall our equipment.

In your opinion, what is the most exciting challenge in your area of science at the moment?

As I see it, the development of organ-on-a-chip seems to be a very exciting field of science. The improvement of cell culture techniques enables scientists



to cultivate cells in 3D and grow organoids, to generate tissues by "bio-printing" and now to miniaturize a body by implementing several tissues on one chip. This cutting edge technology could improve drug discovery and be the missing link between *in vitro* and *in vivo* testing.

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