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## **Two new female members join the Génome Québec Board**

**Montréal, September 16, 2016** — The Chair of the Génome Québec Board of Directors, Martin Godbout, is pleased to announce the appointment of two new members to its Board. Sophie D'Amours and Anie Perrault are both seasoned professionals in the fields of public administration, forestry, innovation and biotechnology.

The team at Génome Québec is proud to have on board two recognized leaders with extensive experience in strategic sectors of major value for the advancement of genomics.



### **Sophie D'Amours, Eng., PhD**

Sophie D'Amours, a professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Université Laval since August 1995, has a wealth of experience in higher learning, research and university management, both here and abroad. She has held the Canada Research Chair in Planning Sustainable Forest Value Networks since 2009. Her research focuses on business engineering, value chain management and decision-making processes in the forestry sector. Ms. D'Amours was Founding Director of the FORAC Research Consortium (2002–2011) and Scientific Director of the Strategic Research Network on Value Chain Optimization for the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) (2009–2014). Over the past three years, she has served as Vice-Rector, Research and Innovation at Université Laval. She has served as Chairperson of the Board of the Centre de recherche industrielle du Québec since 2010 and serves on the Board of Directors of the Société québécoise des infrastructures and of the NSERC. In 2015, she co-managed the strategic planning process for the NSERC.



### **Anie Perrault, LL.L., ASC**

An attorney by training, Anie Perrault is currently Executive Manager of BIOQuébec and a part-time member (administrative judge) of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal. She was a City Councillor for the City of Bromont from 2009 to 2015. In February 2013, Ms. Perrault received the title of Administratrice de sociétés certifiée (ASC) (certified corporate director) from Collège des administrateurs de sociétés of Université Laval. She sits on the Loto-Québec and the Université de Sherbrooke (September 2016) Boards of Directors and served on the Research and Ethics Committee for Génome Québec from 2014 to 2016. From 2006 to 2011, she was President of her own communications firm, Communications Anie Perrault, and from 2001 to 2006, she held the position of Vice President of Communications at Genome Canada. Previously, she was National Director of Communications and Public Affairs for Canada's Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies (Rx&D). From 1998 to 2000, Ms. Perrault was Press Officer, Director of Communications and Senior Advisor to the Right Honourable Joe Clark.

"There is no doubt that greater diversity in the boardroom paves the way for new perspectives, innovative ideas and, in turn, better performance. These are major assets that will help us consolidate the strategic position of genomics in its areas of interest, including human health, agrifood, forestry and the environment," said Martin Godbout.

With the arrival of Sophie D'Amours and Anie Perrault, Génome Québec is achieving gender parity on its Board of Directors. Under the chairmanship of Martin Godbout, the Board of Directors includes the following members:

Ms. Marie-Josée Blais  
Me Jean Brunet  
Mr. Daniel Coderre, PhD  
Ms. Sophie D'Amours, Eng., PhD  
Mme Hélène Desmarais, C.M., LL.D.  
M. Martin Godbout, PhD  
M. Marc LePage

Mme Marie-Lucie Morin  
Mme Anie Perrault, LL.L., ASC  
M. Rémi Quirion, O.C., PhD, FRSC, CQ  
M. François R. Roy  
Mme Paule Têtu, F. Eng., M.Sc.  
Mme Suzanne Vinet  
M. Brian White-Guay, MD, FRCPC

[To read the biographical notes of the members, click here.](#)

### **About Génome Québec**

In partnership with national and international stakeholders in life sciences, Génome Québec promotes the competitiveness of the genomics innovation system in order to maximize its social and economic benefits for Québec. It does so by funding large-scale research initiatives in genomics and implementing the tools required for the scientific and strategic development of the sector.

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