

**GÉNOME QUÉBEC, A LOYAL, ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORTER OF THE
SUPER EXPO-SCIENCES BELL, QUÉBEC FINAL 2010**

Montréal, April 17, 2010 – For the 8th consecutive year, Génome Québec is proud to renew its support for the Science Fairs organized by the Conseil de développement du loisir scientifique du Québec. Recognized by the education community, this major science competition fosters scientific literacy and promotes career opportunities in the field of science. For 50 years now, the Science Fairs have been engaging young people and attracting them to the discipline. Génome Québec would like to use this opportunity to salute the dedication and passion of organizers and youth exhibitors, as well as their ongoing involvement, which goes back five decades.

During the regional finals, Génome Québec will be awarding six prizes. At the Québec grand finale, the *Super Expo-sciences Bell*, being held this year at the CEPSUM of Université de Montréal from April 15 through 18, 2010, the winner of the “Génome Québec Grand Prize” will receive a \$1,000 prize and the opportunity to take part in a one-day internship at Génome Québec. The winner will also receive funds for travel and accommodation for an overnight hotel stay in Montréal, if required.

“It’s always a privilege to rub shoulders with such vibrant, creative young people, especially considering that our mission here at Génome Québec is to promote the development of research by recognizing the talent of those who will form our next generation of scientists,” explained Catalina Lopez-Correa, Vice President, Scientific Affairs, at Génome Québec.

About Génome Québec

Génome Québec is a private non-profit organization whose mission is to strengthen Québec’s innovation system in genomics by financing major genomics research initiatives. Since 2001, more than \$400 million have been invested to accelerate the discovery of new applications, such as screening tests, therapeutic tools in medicine and new environmentally sound procedures in agriculture and forestry. The funds invested by Génome Québec are provided by the Ministry of Economic Development, Innovation and Export Trade, the Government of Canada through Genome Canada and private partners. To find out more about Génome Québec and genomics, visit our Web site at www.genomequebec.com.

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