

## Appointment of Marc LePage

**Montréal, December 21, 2015** - Martin Godbout, Chair of the Board, would like to announce the departure of Marc LePage, President and CEO of Génome Québec. Given his vast and diversified track record in the field of research and innovation, Mr. LePage has agreed to serve as the new President and CEO of Genome Canada, where he will take on the challenge of overseeing genomics at the national level.

“We have mixed feelings about the news here at Génome Québec. On the one hand, we are sad to see Marc go, but on the other, we know that his appointment will make a positive contribution to the future of genomics in Québec and Canada,” Martin Godbout said.

Since arriving at the helm of Génome Québec in December 2011, Mr. LePage has built a long list of achievements. One example is Québec’s historic performance during the Genome Canada personalized health competition, when Québec researchers earned 60 percent of the federal funding available. It was also under his leadership that Québec transitioned to a clinical focus, with the creation of a genomic platform in pediatrics launched in collaboration with CHU Sainte-Justine. More recently, Mr. LePage once again demonstrated his visionary leadership by adding climate change to Génome Québec’s priorities for the coming years.

Chief Scientist of Québec, Rémi Quirion, was keen to highlight the meaningful work Mr. LePage has carried out during his mandate. “It has been a true privilege working with Marc over the past four years. I don’t see his departure as a loss, but rather as a plus for Québec. Being able to count on such a valuable ally at the federal level will be a major asset, on which I plan to capitalize in order to develop productive partnerships that will further advance research and innovation.”

As for Mr. LePage, he does not feel as if he is actually leaving Génome Québec. “By liaising with the ministère de l’Économie, de l’Innovation et des Exportations (MEIE), I will remain one of Génome Québec’s principal partners. In that capacity, I will continue to attend board meetings and remain involved in the development of the organization.” Mr. LePage also wanted to thank the Génome Québec team, members of the Board and partners for their support and valuable cooperation over the years. “I am stepping down knowing that I leave behind a solid, dynamic organization with a clear strategic role to play in the economy of tomorrow.”

An open recruitment process will be launched in early 2016. In the interim, Génome Québec will be led jointly by the Chair of the Board and the Management Committee.

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