

## **GÉNOME QUÉBEC ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF ITS NEW VICE PRESIDENT, SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS**

**Montréal, October 6, 2020** — Daniel Coderre, President and CEO of Génome Québec, is happy to announce the appointment of Stéphanie Lord-Fontaine, PhD as Vice President, Scientific Affairs. The decision was unanimously endorsed by the Board of Directors on September 23, 2020. Ms. Lord-Fontaine will be taking up her duties on October 19, 2020.

Ms. Lord-Fontaine has held a wide range of leadership positions in research administration at both the provincial and federal levels, where she acquired extensive experience in the life sciences, research and innovation sectors. She had in-depth knowledge of all areas of genomics. From 2007 to 2017, she worked for Génome Québec as Senior Director in the Scientific Affairs team. Ms. Lord-Fontaine understands and subscribes to the organization's corporate culture and is well versed in the issues affecting the genomics ecosystem in Québec, in Canada and around the world, whether in health, agrifood, forestry or the environment.

Since 2017, she has acquired valuable strategic leadership and partnership building skills. She served as the Executive Director of Oncopole and contributed to the development of funding programs for many large-scale projects in oncology in Québec, including the Montreal Cancer Consortium. Her accomplishments earned Oncopole a nomination as a finalist for ADRIQ's Prix Innovation — Sciences de la vie in 2018.

In a context where genomics is in full growth and the future of this disruptive technology relies on our capacity to make the most of this progress and its alignment with artificial intelligence, Daniel Coderre says that "the timing of Stéphanie's return is just perfect. In addition to her expert knowledge of genomics and its related opportunities, she comes to us with a rich track record in terms of her network in Québec, in Canada and around the world, combined with a clear vision on the strategic positioning of genomics within the ecosystem. We are pleased to welcome this long-time ally aboard, given her commitment to the success of Génome Québec and Québec researchers in the field."

"I am grateful to be returning to such a recognized and well-respected team and organization, which has successfully overcome many hurdles facing the sector in recent years. With the experience I have gained throughout my career, it will be an honour for me to take the helm of a team for which I have so much respect and I look forward to working on implementing genomics as a real-world solution to the challenges in health and the environment. I am also happy to contribute to the influence of this sector and to the scientific, social and economic success of Génome Québec," says Stéphanie Lord-Fontaine.

Ms. Lord-Fontaine is replacing Serge Marchand, who is leaving the field of scientific administration to return to the research sector. The President and CEO, Daniel Coderre, and the entire team would like to thank Mr. Marchand for his valuable contribution to Génome Québec.

## **About Génome Québec**

Génome Québec's mission is to catalyze the development and excellence of genomics research and promote its integration and democratization. It is a pillar of the Québec bioeconomy and contributes to Québec's influence and its social and sustainable development.

The funds invested by Génome Québec are provided by the ministère de l'Économie et de l'Innovation du Québec (MEI), the Government of Canada, through Genome Canada, and private partners.

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