

GÉNOME QUÉBEC ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF ITS NEW VICE PRESIDENT, TECHNOLOGY CENTRES

Montréal, October 13, 2021 — Daniel Coderre, President and CEO of Génome Québec, is pleased to announce the appointment of Patrick Blondin, PhD, to the position of Vice President, Technology Centres. Mr. Blondin has all the necessary assets to exceed the objectives of the centres and ensure the competitive use of technological resources operated by Génome Québec. The decision was ratified by the Board of Directors on September 21, 2021. He will assume his position on October 18, 2021.

From 2003 to 2021, Mr. Blondin acquired the bulk of his experience in research and development with Boviteq, a provider of genetic reproductive solutions in animal health. From 2018 until recently, he served as Vice President, Research and Innovation. He holds a PhD in Animal Health at Université Laval and completed a postdoctoral internship at North Carolina State University. He has also authored 80 scientific articles. Recognized for his bold vision and strategic capabilities, Mr. Blondin is a seasoned manager who has been able to successfully combine his scientific expertise with his business development skills in the area of strategic partnerships and operations management. In recognition of his accomplishments, he received the Célébrons le Partenariat award from ADRIQ.

With genomics continuing to evolve and the future of the transformational technology resting primarily in public-private partnerships, Daniel Coderre believes that “Patrick’s arrival is great news. His scientific acumen and extensive experience in the private sector make him a great addition to our existing team of talented employees, especially given his vast network of connections in industry and in the scientific community, in Canada and abroad. As genomics reaches a strategic stage in its development and its uptake by end users, Patrick’s wide diversity of experience comes at the perfect time”.

“I am extremely proud to join this major organization and its team, which enjoy such a well-established reputation. Throughout my career, I have had the opportunity to pursue academic achievements and develop my strategic and management skills in research and development. Génome Québec is a natural fit for me, since I will have the chance to use the full extent of the skills I have accumulated over the years. This is a very exciting challenge, and I look forward to making a meaningful contribution to the growth of Québec’s bioeconomy,” said Patrick Blondin.

Mr. Blondin is replacing Daniel Tessier, who retired from his management role with the technology centres after 16 years of loyal service.

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. To learn more, visit www.genomequebec.com.

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