

Sylvain Moineau, recipient of the 2019 Marie-Victorin, Prix du Québec, award

Montréal, October 11, 2019 – Génome Québec congratulates Professor Sylvain Moineau on receiving the prestigious Marie-Victorin Award, presented, since 1977, to an individual who has had a distinguished career in the fields of natural science and engineering but whose work is not related to the biomedical field.



A professor in the Department of Biochemistry, Microbiology and Bioinformatics at Université Laval and Canada Research Chair in Bacteriophages, Sylvain Moineau has made an outstanding contribution to the development of the genome editing technology called CRISPR-Cas9. All these discoveries have played a major role in advancing this revolutionary technology, which is now used in selecting CRISPR-Cas bacteria in the dairy industry to combat viruses during cheese and yogurt production.

Daniel Coderre, President and CEO of Génome Québec, says: «Through his fundamental role in this molecular revolution, Sylvain Moineau has paved the way for many genomic advances in fields as varied as medicine and agriculture. He is a world-renowned specialist in bacteriophages and is regularly cited as one of the most influential scientists in his field of research. It is a great honour to have Sylvain on our Board of Directors. On behalf of the entire team, I would like to congratulate him on his remarkable contribution to the development of genomics, which has enabled Quebec to stand out among the best in the world.»

Founded in 1977, the Prix du Québec awards are the highest distinction presented annually by the Quebec government in the cultural and scientific fields. They are a concrete expression of the gratitude of all of Quebec for the admirable work of these exceptional men and women.

For details about the 2019 Marie-Victorin Award, presented to Sylvain Moineau, click [here](#) (French only).

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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.

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