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Montréal InVivo's Annual General Meeting and Election of the Board of Directors

Montréal, May 23, 2019 – Frank Béraud, Chief Executive Officer of Montréal InVivo, stood before a room with nearly 100 players from the life sciences and health technologies (LSHT) cluster, and presented yesterday a very positive review of the year 2018 at the members' Annual General Meeting. The year was marked by the implementation of its 2017-2020 strategic plan, which is structured around four strategic priorities:

- Demonstrate the innovations' value added in order to promote their integration on the market;
- Support the existing sectors of excellence and become one;
- Contribute to the growth of Québec companies specialized in LSHT; and
- Improve the competitiveness of the LSHT talent pool.

The year was marked by unifying achievements, the creation of a new strategic committee focused on artificial intelligence, the first cohort of the Life Sciences Entrepreneurship Development Program, and several studies and analyses designed to better identify the environment in which we live, as Mr. Béraud pointed out: "I have been very impressed by the industry players' degree of involvement. They have dedicated more than 2,300 hours of their time to the cluster's various activities and work, generating incredible wealth and an endless source of bright ideas and projects to improve our sector."

Martin LeBlanc, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Montréal InVivo and of Caprion Biosciences emphasized the increased investment in companies active in LSHT: "The number of high-potential companies is rising in Montréal and Québec as a whole. I am confident that in the long run, we will see large-scale anchor companies emerge that will raise the international profile of Québec life sciences."

Montréal InVivo also invited three young researchers, namely Corinne Hoesli, Assistant Professor, McGill University, Sébastien Rodrigue, Associate Professor, Université de Sherbrooke, and Alexis Vallée-Delisle, Associate Professor, Université de Montréal. These researchers stood out through the Effervescence Stars Contest and presented their research work. A panel followed on the subject of the next generation in public research and business partnerships.

Montréal InVivo would like to congratulate the members of its Board of Directors who were elected at the Annual General Meeting.

ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jacques Gagné – Honorary Member, Montréal InVivo

Philippe Gros – McGill University

Pavel Hamet – Medpharmgene

Patrick Hupé – Medtronic Canada

Didier Leconte – Fonds de solidarité FTQ

Bruce Mazer – McGill University Health Center

Jean-Maurice Plourde – Honorary Member, Montréal InVivo

Rémi Quirion – The Québec Research Funds

Suzie Talbot – DEX Research

Luc Vilandré – TELUS Health

To read about all of Montréal InVivo's achievements, consult the [2018 Activity Report](#), available on the website.

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About Montréal InVivo

Montréal InVivo is the brand name for the life sciences and health technologies (LSHT) cluster of the Montréal metropolitan area. This cluster comprises close to 630 organizations, including more than 150 research centres, 80 subsidiaries of world-class companies, and more than 56,000 people employed in the sector. A wellspring of great ideas, the cluster includes four universities and ranks first in Canada for the number of research centres. Montréal InVivo is a non-profit economic development organization dedicated to the creation of wealth. Its activities are supported by funding from the Ministère de l'Économie, de l'Innovation et des Exportations (MEIE), the Secrétariat à la région métropolitaine reporting to the Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation, the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal (CMM), Canada Economic Development (CED) for the regions of Québec and private and institutional sectors.

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