

10 YEARS, FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE

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

Montréal, May 11, 2018 – At the members' Annual General Meeting, Frank Béraud, Chief Executive Officer of Montréal InVivo, stood before a packed room with more than 150 players from the life sciences and health technologies (LSHT) cluster and presented a very positive review of the year 2017. The cluster's tenth year of existence saw the implementation of its 2017-2020 strategic plan, based on 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;
- Improve the competitiveness of the LSHT talent pool.

The sector benefited and continues to benefit from a favourable provincial environment following the launch of the *Québec Life Sciences Strategy* last May which, according to Mr. Béraud, is the envy of several other provinces in Canada: "I am already seeing real impacts on the sector's development. I feel, among all stakeholders, an enthusiasm and willingness to work together to achieve the objectives of the strategy, which I hadn't seen in a long time. This year, Montréal InVivo received many requests to present outside Québec the life sciences ecosystem: "These invitations reflect the interest, both in the Québec model of support for the life sciences and in the Montréal-based model for industrial clusters, a unique economic development tool," pointed out Mr. Béraud.

Martin LeBlanc, Chairman of Montréal InVivo's Board of Directors, and Caprion Biosciences emphasized private companies' significant, growing support of the cluster's activities: "This reinforces the relevance of the work carried out by Montréal InVivo and shows its impact on the industry. The mobilization of all the stakeholders is one of the cluster's greatest strengths and we are going to continue to put forward major projects that benefit the sector as a whole."

Montréal InVivo also joined forces with the MEDEC association to present to the members of the two organizations a discussion panel entitled "Rendez-vous dans 10 ans!" (unofficially translated as "See you in 10 years!"). It was on this occasion that Mr. Paul l'Archevêque, the new Director of Innovation at the ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux, made his first public appearance. He shared his vision of the Innovation Bureau and then was joined by three other panelists, namely, Dr. Yanick Beaulieu, Dr. Guy Rouleau and Professor Marc-Antoine Dilhac.

Each person addressed the theme of the future facing our sector between now and the next 10 years. A repeat broadcast of the panel is now available on [La Maison des Régions Facebook Page](#).

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 2017-2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Frank Béraud – Montréal InVivo

Cédric Bisson – Teralys Capital

Pierre Falardeau – Verlyx Pharma

Fabrice Brunet – CIUSS Université de Montréal

Frédéric Fasano – Servier Canada

Marie-Josée Hébert – Université de Montréal

Diane Gosselin – CQDM

Whitney Green – Roche Diagnostics

Y.S. Hong – GSK Canada

Martin Leblanc – Caprion Biosciences

Alexandre Le Bouthillier – Imagia

Jacques Milette – MEDTEQ

Anna Van Acker – Merck Canada

For further information on all of Montréal InVivo's achievements, consult the [2017 Activity Report](#), available on the website. (The English version will be available shortly)

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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. The cluster comprises almost 600 organizations, including more than 150 research centres, 80 subsidiaries of world-class companies, and 40,000 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'Occupation du territoire, the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal (CMM), Canada Economic Development (CED) and private and institutional sectors.

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