

Josette-Renée Landry Appointed Chief Executive Officer of Institut du Savoir Montfort

Ottawa, September 9, 2020 – The Board of Directors of the Institut du Savoir Montfort (ISM) is proud to announce the appointment of Josette-Renée Landry, Ph.D. to the position of Chief Executive Officer of ISM, effective September 15, 2020.

The Franco-Ontarian researcher and entrepreneur holds a Ph.D. in genetics from the University of British Columbia and an MBA from HEC Montréal. She has more than twenty years of experience in genomics and cancer research at the national and international levels. She has worked at the interface between the academic, hospital and private-sector research communities as Vice President of Business Development at Mitacs, a national not-for-profit private research organization that funds partnerships in all disciplines. She has been involved in the development of major initiatives and partnerships with research organizations and sits on numerous boards of directors, including the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).

Having an entrepreneurial spirit, she has participated in launching numerous initiatives, including the founding of two private companies and a Not-for-profit Organization (NPO). Her recent success is Streamline Genomics, a start-up specialized in personalized medicine in residency at CHU Sainte-Justine, which is developing a platform allowing physicians to use genomics without the need for advanced knowledge in data analysis. Funded at over \$1 million, her company has garnered numerous awards and is now helping to facilitate access to personalized medicine.

"Through her leadership, her constant search for innovation and her entrepreneurial spirit, Ms. Landry is the ideal person to take on ISM's new challenges," said Céline Monette, President of ISM's Board of Directors. "She has chosen us as much as we have chosen her and I am confident that she will help the Institute move forward with its mission."

Ms. Landry has a strong interest in knowledge transfer and application and will aim to strengthen ISM's capacity to innovate. Her experience with research organizations will help to raise ISM's profile both nationally and internationally. Her expertise in building partnerships with key players in the private sector and entrepreneurship will support ISM's efforts to increase its funding from a variety of sources.

"It is with great enthusiasm that I accept this new mandate," says Ms. Landry. "ISM plays an essential role in the advancement of Francophone communities and their well-being. Together, we will be able to build on its successes and to spread the benefits of this innovative institute by capitalizing on the strength of its diversity."

Ms. Landry succeeds Dr. John Joannis as Interim CEO. Dr. Joannis took over the functions following the departure of Dr. Denis Prud'homme.

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About Institut du Savoir Montfort

Created in 2015, Institut du Savoir Montfort (ISM) is a not-for-profit organization and a registered charity (registration no. 81075 5595 RR0001) that aims to improve health and the global health by combining research and education. ISM relies on the collaboration between researchers and educators, which facilitates the continuum creation-transmission of knowledge in the organization of health services and the prevention, screening and treatment of physical and mental co-morbidities.

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