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New APRTQ president elected

**Mario Monette elected President of the *Association des parcs de recherche et technopoles du Québec* for a one-year term**

**Montreal, June 30, 2010** – During the General Meeting of the *Association des parcs de recherche et technopoles du Québec* (APRTQ) held on June 16, 2010 in Bromont, members elected Technoparc Montréal President and CEO Mario Monette as its new president.

While Monette stated that he was pleased by the appointment, he reminded members that: “the challenge in developing Quebec can only be met with innovation and recognition on the part of our government agencies of the need to upgrade the host infrastructures of start-up and foreign technological companies that choose to do business in Quebec”.

On the heels of the Quebec government’s announcement of a new 2010-2103 Quebec Research and Innovation Strategy (QRIS), the new president said he was pleased to see that Quebec has set out even more ambitious research and innovation return objectives. He hopes that science parks will play an even greater role within the framework of this new strategy by hosting even more joint industrial research projects or upgrading existing infrastructures. The new president feels strongly that “science parks remain premiere sites when it comes to setting up common research infrastructures.”

The APRTQ brings together world-class science and technology parks from across Quebec so as to help ensure their harmonious development, generate synergies, and boost their profile and standing across the province and worldwide. To this end, the Association pursues networking, prospecting and host activities with a view to supporting the development of the primary infrastructures which constitute Quebec’s science and technology parks. For further information, visit [www.aprtq.com](http://www.aprtq.com).

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