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# THE START OF A NEW CHAPTER

The 2023-2024 fiscal year saw its share of great achievements, but also of changes. "Nothing is lost, nothing is created: everything is transformed", said 18<sup>th</sup>-century French chemist Antoine Laurent de Lavoisier. This famous quote is a fair reflection of our experience over the past year with the reorganization of the Fonds de recherche du Québec into a single funding agency, the FRQ. This new entity encompasses the three research sectors: Nature and Technology, Health, Society and Culture. It has a single board of directors with a board chair who is distinct from the president and CEO. I now hold the latter position within the FRQ. This set of changes brings our organization into full compliance with the *Act respecting the governance of state-owned enterprises* (LGSE), adopted by the Québec government in June 2022. It does not, however, detract from the FRQ's mission and mandates to support public research in Québec.

The FRQ's priorities remain the same, as demonstrated by the work carried out throughout the year on open science and free access to scientific publications in French. This includes the launch of Québec's first three research chairs on themes related to the French language, the creation of an umbrella organization for Québec science journals (Réseau québécois de recherche et de mutualisation pour les revues scientifiques), and our participation in the Québec-France partnership on the discoverability of scientific content in French.

Supporting the training of the next generation of researchers and promoting careers in research also remain at the heart of the FRQ's mission. In 2023, a special government grant of \$10 million per year over five years made it possible to significantly increase the value of our master's and doctoral scholarships. But we want to do more for tomorrow's researchers, and we are working with the authorities to do just that. It is a colossal task, but one that is essential if we are to build a talented and innovative next generation of researchers, capable of helping us meet the major societal challenges posed by climate change, an aging population, public safety and democracy, not to mention health crises (the COVID-19 pandemic is still fresh in our collective memory).

On April 8, 2024, an astronomical phenomenon of prodigious beauty was observed in several regions of Québec: a total solar eclipse. This event provided an opportunity to stimulate public interest in science. In the lead-up to this rare celestial spectacle – the next total solar eclipse visible from southern Québec won't be until 2106! – I and several other organizations co-signed an open letter in *La Presse*, inviting the public to take advantage of this opportunity to engage in scientific observation in a safe and enjoyable context. Who knows how many future scientific careers were born that day...

When it comes to scientific curiosity and intellectual vitality, our Grand Sages of Québec research are inspiring role models. Professors Brenda Milner (Health sector), Serge Payette (Nature and Technology sector) and Guy Rocher (Society and Culture sector) were honoured at a memorable evening held in November 2023. Three students were awarded doctoral scholarships bearing the name of one of the three Grand Sages. We hope that this experience will be repeated every year, with new exceptional personalities.

Our science advice initiative for cities and municipalities continued to grow in 2023-2024 with the appointment of a scientist in residence at the City of Laval, the creation of an external UQO-affiliated scientific advisory board in Gatineau, and the appointment of a chief science advisor in Sorel-Tracy. We should also mention the creation of a municipal chief science advisors coordinating group, whose first meeting was held in conjunction with the Union des municipalités du Québec annual conference in May 2024. The future of this project looks promising.

The new chapter that is beginning for the Fonds de recherche du Québec will certainly be full of challenges, but we will be writing its pages together, keeping our sights firmly on our objectives.



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Chief Scientist of Québec

## Chief Scientist of Québec's Report

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# CONTEXT

Science can and must contribute to finding solutions to geopolitical problems. This conviction is embodied in the diversity of research paths made possible by the wide array of scholarships offered by the FRQ. In 2023-2024, new scientific residencies for emerging researchers were launched within Québec ministries and municipalities, as well as in Québec government offices abroad. These initiatives help to strengthening ties between science and politics and promote science diplomacy and science advice. In addition, we offer scientific entrepreneurship programs and opportunities for researchers to hone their science communication skills. The range of programs available is extensive and continues to expand to maximize career prospects for the next generation of researchers.

I am also proud to note that our Science and Society stream continues to develop thanks to budget appropriations included in the Québec research and innovation investment strategy 2022-2027 (QRIISI<sup>2</sup>), which enabled us to enhance our programs focusing on participatory science, dialogue with our fellow citizens, the impact of disinformation on our democracies, connecting politics and science at provincial and municipal levels, and more. In this regard, the recent appointment of science advisors in several municipalities and the Scientist in Residence program in our cities are important milestones and demonstrate Québec's leadership in this area.

Québec has also earned international renown in the field of artificial intelligence (AI) and the issues it raises, an area that received a great deal of attention in 2023-2024. I met with members of the Québec deputy ministers' table to discuss, among other things, access to government data in the age of digital technology and AI. I also contributed to the collective reflection that led to the preparation of the Québec Innovation Council's report *Prêt pour l'IA*, which was released in February 2024. In October 2023, the Observatoire sur les impacts sociétaux de l'intelligence artificielle et du numérique (OBVIA) received a new \$15 million grant from the FRQ for the period 2023-2028. The money will be used to roll out the second development phase of OBVIA, which unveiled its scientific program in January 2024.

In addition to all these activities, I completed the third year of my mandate as president of the International Network for Governmental Science Advice (INGSA), which celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> year of existence in 2024. The anniversary was marked at the organization's fifth biennial conference on science advice and diplomacy. This major international event took place in Kigali, Rwanda on May 1-2, 2024. I also had the privilege of carrying out several other scientific missions abroad over the course of the year, including one in Japan for the Science and Technology in Society Forum (STS Forum) and another at the Formation hybride à la diplomatie scientifique francophone (FORMHYDS) at Sorbonne Université, France.

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude to the FRQ teams who successfully delivered the 2024-2025 funding announcements and launched our 2025-2026 regular programming, despite the changes inherent in the creation of the new FRQ.

# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

## …❖ Creation of the new Fonds de recherche du Québec

In February 2024, the Minister de l'Économie, de l'Innovation et de l'Énergie tabled a bill in the National Assembly to amend the Act respecting the Ministère de l'Économie et de l'Innovation with respect to research – Bill 44. An exciting process then began. Québec's chief scientist and the scientific directors of the three Fonds intervened on several occasions in relation to this bill in the spring of 2024. Their efforts included the submission of a brief and a hearing before the Commission de l'économie et du travail, and a webinar for the research community.

The new Act (SQ 2024, c. 16) came into force on June 1, 2024, creating a single funding agency covering three research sectors – Nature and Technology, Health, Society and Culture – with a single board of directors. The board of directors has a majority of independent members, and a chair who is distinct from the president and CEO, thus ensuring compliance with the *Act respecting the governance of state-owned enterprises* (LGSE). The Council of Ministers appointed the members of this new board of directors in July 2024. The board is chaired by Daniel Coderre, known for his work as president and CEO of Génome Québec (2016-2022). Rémi Quirion serves as president and CEO of the FRQ, Janice Bailey as vice-president of research for the Nature and Technology sector, Carole Jabet as vice-president of research for the Health sector, and Louise Poissant as vice-president of research for the Society and Culture sector. Three community members from each research sector were also appointed, along with three student members and two members representing civil society.



## …❖ Research directions

### SCIENCE IN FRENCH

2023-2024 saw many promising French-language science initiatives in Québec. We have come a long way since *Le Devoir* published the letter "Célébrons la science en français et retroussons-nous les manches" signed by Québec's chief scientist in November 2023. This letter was published to coincide with World Francophone Science Week, held in Québec City by the Agence universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF). The Québec Declaration on the promotion of scientific publications in French was also approved during World Francophone Science Week, more specifically at the 7<sup>th</sup> Francophone Ministerial Conference for ministers of higher education and research, chaired by Higher Education Minister Pascale Dér.

In the spring of 2024, the FRQ announced the creation of the Réseau québécois de recherche et de mutualisation pour les revues scientifiques, with a budget of \$10 million over five years. This network will promote free and immediate open access to scientific publications and the pooling of publishing and distribution services for Québec's scientific journals.

The network is associated with one of Québec's three new research chairs, the Québec Research Chair on the Discoverability of Scientific Content in French, announced by Minister Dér. The Chair's aim is to better understand the use of French in research in Québec and elsewhere in the world, and to explore ways of increasing scientific production and its discoverability.

The Ministère de la Langue française and the FRQ also announced backing for a research team to complement the work of this Chair and support the France-Québec partnership on the discoverability of scientific content in French. This partnership

was announced at the Université du Québec en Outaouais during the 91<sup>st</sup> Acfas congress, following a joint declaration by the French Prime Minister and the Québec Premier at the 21<sup>st</sup> Alternating Meeting of the Prime Minister of France and the Premier of Québec in April 2024. The partnership focuses on the production and dissemination of French-language scientific content,

translation to promote linguistic diversity, the commitment of higher education institutions to science in French, and the conditions for the emergence of a French-language scientific digital space. Rémi Quirion co-chairs the scientific committee for this Québec-France discoverability strategy along with Professor Étienne Ghys, Perpetual Secretary of the Académie des sciences.

Left to right: Slim Khalbous, Rector of the Agence universitaire de la Francophonie; Sophie Montreuil, General Director of Acfas; Cécile Ondoabeng, Deputy Consul General at the Consulate General of France in Québec City; Rémi Quirion, Chief Scientist of Québec; Paul de Sinet, Delegate General for the French Language and Languages of France; Pascale Déry, Minister of Higher Education; Martin Maltais, President of Acfas; and Jean-François Roberge, Minister of the French Language.



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## Scientific missions

### MISSIONS AS PRESIDENT OF INGSA

Québec's chief scientist carried out several international missions in the course of the year as president of INGSA. In October 2023, he travelled to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia to take part in the ISC Global Knowledge Dialogue for Asia and the Pacific Region, an event organized by the International Science Council (ISC), of which INGSA is a member. One of the aims of this meeting was to support the scientific contribution of the Asia-Pacific region and, more broadly, to develop courses of action to advance science as a global public good. Rémi Quirion also visited Belgium in November 2023. The Brussels portion of this mission focused on the possible role of INGSA in Europe, given the interest in science advice and diplomacy expressed by several European organizations.

In December 2023, he attended the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the Science Forum South Africa (SFS) in Pretoria. South Africa's Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology, the Hon. Bonginkosi Emmanuel "Blade" Nsimande, presented him with the Science Diplomacy Award for Science Advice with Global Impact in recognition of his decisive role in promoting science communication and advice in the countries of the South, particularly on the African continent.



Left to right: the Hon. Bonginkosi Emmanuel "Blade" Nsimande, Rémi Quirion and Phil Mjwara.

Another major international event, the fifth conference of INGSA, co-chaired by Rémi Quirion, took place in Kigali, Rwanda on May 1-2, 2024. The first edition to be held on the African continent, and indeed in the global South, this major event brought together the world's leaders in science advice and diplomacy. It was an opportunity to explore emerging theories and practices in inclusion and diversity, as well as the challenges of a more open approach in this field. Québec was represented in the program by an FRQ panel and the participation of the Réseau francophone international en conseil scientifique (RFICS), a French-language division of INGSA based at the Université Laval.

### INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATIONS

The autumn of 2023 saw a succession of other important engagements. In September, Rémi Quirion attended the United Nations General Assembly Science Summit (UNGA78) in New York, where he moderated a panel on science diplomacy in times of uncertainty and co-hosted a networking reception for the Francophone scientific community with Wallonie-Bruxelles International and the Québec Government Office in New York.

Québec's chief scientist then took part in the 20<sup>th</sup> edition of the STS Forum in Kyoto, Japan. This annual meeting brings together leaders from around the world to discuss the latest developments in science and technology. During a panel discussion, Rémi Quirion presented the positive and negative aspects of artificial intelligence in education and research, both locally and internationally. On the sidelines of the event, he also met with a number of Japanese representatives interested in pursuing or initiating collaborations with the FRQ, including the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology and the Science Council of Japan.

At the end of 2023, Rémi Quirion travelled to Paris to serve as a panelist at the FORMHYDS at Sorbonne Université. He then headed another mission to France at the end of February 2024. The program included meetings with the Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS), the Agence nationale de la recherche (ANR), and management of Sorbonne Université and Paris Saclay. In April 2024, he attended the 6<sup>th</sup> TimeWorld global scientific meeting, TimeWorld Energy, and the 21<sup>st</sup> Alternating Meeting of the Prime Minister of France and the Premier of Québec, where he promoted the issue of the discoverability of scientific content in French.

## Intersectoral project development

### PARTNERSHIP FOR QUÉBEC'S INNOVATION ZONES

In October 2023, nearly \$1.8 million was awarded to support intersectoral and inter-level research in Québec Innovation Zones (IZ) under the STIMULES program. This program, the result of a partnership between the FRQ and the Ministère de l'Économie, de l'Innovation et de l'Énergie, was designed to promote connections between STEM & social sciences in IZ as part of the roll-out of Québec's first two IZs, DistriQ and Technum Québec, dedicated to quantum technologies and microelectronics respectively.

### INTERSECTORAL RESEARCH ON AGING

In April 2024, the FRQ's Directorate of Major Societal Challenges announced that funding for the BIOVIE, CIMA-Q and STOP-AD longitudinal observation cohorts has been renewed for the next four years under the Intersectoral Research on Aging program. Totaling nearly \$6 million, this funding will enable the teams to maintain and strengthen their contribution to research on aging, and to intensify the secondary use of the data collected and made available for each cohort.

## ◆ Conferences and public affairs

### PARTICIPATION IN ACFAS EVENTS

Once again, the FRQ was significantly involved in Acfas activities during 2023-2024. First, the FRQ co-presented the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the Journées de la relève en recherche (J2R), which took place from October 25 to 28, 2023 at UQAM. The FRQ held three workshops (EDI and emerging researchers; evaluation committees and grant applications; social media and research) as well as a networking 5 à 7. For its part, the Intersectoral Student Committee organized two workshops (psychological health of emerging researchers; science in French and eco-responsibility) to present possible solutions arising from previous consultations. More than 200 people attended J2R 2023.

In 2024, Québec's chief scientist took part in the largest multidisciplinary scientific event in the French-speaking world: the Acfas Congress, the 91<sup>st</sup> edition of which was held at the University of Ottawa from May 13 to 17. He was a keynote speaker at a seminar on how higher education institutions can promote the involvement of researchers in scientific communication, and took part in a panel discussion on the role of universities as a lever for research in rural areas, held as part of a seminar on the same theme.

### 15<sup>th</sup> CANADIAN SCIENCE POLICY CENTRE CONFERENCE

As part of the 15<sup>th</sup> Canadian Science Policy Centre Conference, which took place in Ottawa from November 13 to 15, 2023, the FRQ organized three activities in which staff members took part. A dozen dignitaries and representatives of the Groupe des ambassadeurs et ambassadrices francophones à Ottawa attended a 5 à 7 celebrating Canada's Francophonie, hosted by Québec's chief scientist.

### 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ÉRUDIT

Over 40 journal editors took part in the Symposium québécois des revues savantes, organized by Érudit in conjunction with Acfas. The event took place in Montréal on November 20, 2023. Québec's chief scientist gave a welcome address, then spoke again at the cocktail party closing the anniversary event.

### MISSION IN ANTICOSTI

Rémi Quirion and the FRQ's Director of Major Societal Challenges Marie-Pierre Cossette visited Anticosti in August 2024 to learn more about the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of this UNESCO World Heritage Site and the research being carried out on the island,

including the work of post-doctoral fellows funded by the FRQ. They met with several ambassadors for the island's flora and fauna. Finally, they took part in a working session to identify avenues for action to strengthen the research capacity of Québec institutions, with a priority focus on the OUV of Anticosti, as well as the island's biodiversity and the development of its territory.

### OTHER CONFERENCES

Québec's chief scientist honoured several other commitments during 2023-2024. He was a speaker at the Congress of Information Professionals in November 2023 and took part in the Coalition 5 biennial meeting on open access and open science. He attended the unveiling, in May 2024, of the results of the Québec Innovation Council's survey on innovation in Québec businesses (Grande enquête sur l'innovation des entreprises au Québec) in the presence of the Minister of the Economy, Innovation and Energy and leaders of the innovation ecosystem. Rémi Quirion also had the opportunity to discuss ways of activating the research/innovation/public action continuum with other panelists at the first ever Public Innovation Week. Finally, he participated in the 30<sup>th</sup> Conference of Montréal in June 2024.



Rémi Quirion, Chief Scientist of Québec; Luc Sirois, Chief Innovator of Québec; Louise Poissant, Vice-President of Research and Scientific Director of the Society and Culture sector of the FRQ; Sylvain Périgny, Assistant Deputy Minister for University Affairs, Research and the Digital Transformation in the Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur; and Yves Sicard, Vice-President, Innovation Zones and Networks, on a panel during Public Innovation Week 2024.

## ◆ Promoting research

### FIRST EDITION OF THE GRAND SAGES

On November 23, 2023, more than fifty guests gathered to pay tribute to three renowned scientists who have left their mark on the history of science in Québec: Brenda Milner of McGill University, Guy Rocher of Université de Montréal and Serge Payette of Université Laval. During the evening, three scholarships named after the Grand Sages were awarded to three up-and-coming doctoral researchers, all of them women, forging a bridge between generations of scientists.

Videos were recorded of exchanges between Québec's chief scientist and each of the Grand Sages. These attracted the interest

of Savoir Média, which decided to broadcast them. An excerpt of the video of Grand Sage Guy Rocher was also used in an episode of the *Paste Fluo* series on the future of education. The episode is available on Tou.Tv. To watch the three videos: [frq.gouv.qc.ca/prix-grands-sages](http://frq.gouv.qc.ca/prix-grands-sages).

The Grand Sages initiative stems from the Québec chief scientist's desire to shine a spotlight on the men and women who helped build Québec's science community and to promote research careers among students. Published in *La Presse* on November 29, 2023, [Philippe Mercure's article](#) captures the excitement and emotion of the gala evening.



Left to right: Rémi Quirion, Marie-Ange Moisan, Serge Payette, Rachel Dufour, Julien Doyon (representing Brenda Milner), Audrey-Anne de Guise and Guy Rocher.



#### A FORUM OF LIVELY DISCUSSION

The 9<sup>th</sup> FRQ/Palais des congrès de Montréal forum, entitled *La démocratie au temps de la désinformation*, took place on November 30, 2023 at the Palais des congrès de Montréal. The program featured an opening interview on democracy and disinformation with Philippe Dubois, assistant professor, public and political communication (ENAP, Université du Québec), followed by two discussion panels on scientific literacy, social media and artificial intelligence technologies. The 300-plus members of the in-person and virtual audience were particularly active during the question and comment periods. The forum's theme is in line with the Québec's chief scientist's mandate to promote science culture.

#### THREE FRQ INITIATIVES RELATED TO THE TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

In anticipation of the total solar eclipse of April 8, 2024, Québec's chief scientist and the FRQ, in collaboration with their partners, led three initiatives to stimulate public interest in science. Published on March 4, 2024, the open letter *Vivre ensemble l'éclipse totale de soleil*, signed by Rémi Quirion, Planetarium director Olivier Hernandez and more than 16 science communication organizations, aimed to rally science promoters around a shared message: let's not miss this opportunity to observe an extremely rare phenomenon, talk about science, and, perhaps, get young people interested in science!

To help families experience the eclipse in a safe and enjoyable way, a nine-panel comic strip was produced in collaboration with mechanical engineering doctoral student and science cartoonist Juliette Pierre. Intended primarily for the Québec chief scientist's Facebook page and Instagram account, the publication reached over 130,000 accounts and generated many positive reactions. Finally, on March 21, 2024, a webinar was presented to the general public. In addition to 1,000 registrations, this webinar was shared live on the Facebook pages of more than 15 partners, including Space for Life, Les Débrouillards and the Cosmodome, reaching more than 31,000 viewers. Rémi Quirion, astrophysicist Marie-Ève Naud, science communicator Joël Leblanc, Camille Turcotte from AESTQ and 9-year-old astronomy enthusiast Leland-Olivier Harper took part in the discussions.



#### FOURTH EDITION OF THE PROPULSONS ENSEMBLE LA RECHERCHE CAMPAIGN

The first three editions of the *Propulsions ensemble la recherche* mobilization campaign were a success, building a unifying movement within Québec's scientific community. However, the imminent adoption of Bill 44, and the subsequent coming into force of the new Act on June 1, 2024, prompted us to adjust the signature graphic elements of the promotion kits offered to the community for the fourth edition. The campaign began on May 1, 2024, the day after the award announcements, and ran for six weeks. Recipients of the 2024-2025 awards responded enthusiastically to the call launched by email and social media, generating a record 271 personalized campaign graphics. We enlisted the help of seven super "research user" ambassadors to kick-start the campaign.

#### LA VIE CONTINUE ON SAVOIR MÉDIA

The FRQ, Oncopole and the Québec Cancer Coalition partnered with SAVOIR MÉDIA to produce a documentary series of six 30-minute episodes highlighting the most recent and most promising medical and social advances in cancer screening and treatment in Québec. Entitled *La vie continue*, the series features interviews with Rémi Quirion and Carole Jabet. It was broadcast in the spring of 2024.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA: ON THE RISE

Québec's chief scientist regularly interacts with his community on social media. The number of subscribers to his accounts is on the rise: from 2023 to 2024, his Facebook, X and Instagram accounts saw increases of 9.5%, 5.4% and 70.8% respectively. All platforms combined, more than 56,000 people follow, comment on and share our content.

## ◆ Science and government

#### TRAINING FOR PUBLIC OFFICE HOLDERS

Following its first year of activity, the Forum sciences et politiques du Québec (Forum SPQ), a community of practice led by the Office of the chief scientist to help understand and strengthen the relationship between science and politics, continued to grow in 2023-2024 with a 110% increase in membership (58% from the research/innovation community and 25% from public administration), or more than 1,600 news subscribers. The forum's 18 activities, which included a second training session on climate change for elected representatives in November 2023, attracted over 3,300 participants. In December 2023 and February 2024, the Office of the chief scientist presented the results of an exclusive survey on the use of scientific information by civil servants. More than 2,200 people from 14 government departments had responded, following a call issued in collaboration with the Secretary General in 2022.



## TRAINING FOR RESEARCHERS

2023-2024 saw the release of [An Essential Guide to Science Advocacy](#), an initiative of Senator Stanley Kutcher and Québec's chief scientist, and developed by Evidence for Democracy. The guide is aimed at scientists across Canada. We should also mention the implementation of structuring initiatives, such as the Scientist in Residence program and L'Interface. These have 68 members: participants, partners, advisors and practitioners as well as four scientists in residence appointed to provincial public administrations. The program is open to all departments, and 13 open calls for applications were made in the summer of 2024. An episode of *Le balado de Fred Savard* podcast was also recorded before a live audience at the 91<sup>st</sup> Acfas Congress, providing another opportunity to reflect on how scientists can better communicate knowledge within political and decision-making bodies.

## SCIENCE ADVICE AT MUNICIPAL, PROVINCIAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS

The municipal science advice movement continued its momentum in 2023-2024 with the appointment of chief science advisors for the cities of Gatineau, Drummondville and Sorel-Tracy, as well as the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal (CMM). The models used are highly varied and adapted to local needs: internal (recruitment within the city administration), external (appointment of an external advisor), scientific committee. Québec is a pioneer in this area, reflecting the vitality of its science advice activities. Rémi Quirion has written articles in *Nature Cities* and *La Conversation* on the subject. A municipal component of the Scientist in Residence program is currently being rolled out as a pilot project in Sherbrooke and Laval.

The Scientist in Residence program also extends to the departmental level. Indeed, Québec's chief scientist and the FRQ, in partnership with the Secrétariat du Conseil du Trésor, are offering Québec government departments the opportunity to host a PhD graduate for a year, to assist in the completion of complex mandates that require scientific backing. Over the past year, eight residencies were filled at the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux, the Secrétariat du Conseil du Trésor, the Ministère de la Cybersécurité et du Numérique, the Ministère du Travail, the Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs, and, finally, at the National Assembly and the Comité de consultation sur les changements climatiques.

On the international front, the Scientist in Residence Program at Québec government offices abroad continued to expand. In addition to residencies in Rabat (Morocco), Seoul (South Korea), Tokyo (Japan) and Los Angeles (USA), in the fourth quarter of 2024 two residencies will be added in Paris (Délégation générale du Québec and UNESCO), one in Toronto (Canada), one in Brussels (Belgium, Luxembourg, European Union), one in Mexico City (Mexico), one in Dakar (Senegal), and one in London (United Kingdom, Ireland, Scandinavia).

## Media presence

Québec's chief scientist gave several media interviews over the course of 2023-2024. On Radio-Canada Première, he talked about artificial intelligence, the solar eclipse, research funding, the France-Québec partnership on the discoverability of scientific content, and science diplomacy for cities. He also took part in the Fondation Lionel-Groulx's *Nos géants* series, acting as narrator for the vignette on Conrad Kirouac, better known as Brother Marie-Victorin, and answered children's questions in an *As de l'info* segment.



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