Invitation

Forum on Research
Friday, October 23, 2015
Institut de tourisme et d’hôtellerie du Québec, Montréal
Registration required before October 16

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Directions

Since April 2014, the Fédération québécoise des professeures et professeurs d’université (FQPPU) has held a series of forums aimed at identifying issues associated with academic life and the professorial workload. Two such events, which were focused on teaching and service, respectively, have already taken place. The subject of the third forum is research.

The dynamic and diverse research carried out in Quebec universities contributes to the socio-economic development of communities, sheds light on public policy, and enriches theoretical and applied knowledge that will allow society to respond to future challenges.

However, in Quebec, the research community is currently undergoing upheaval (new policies, budget cuts in some sectors, increased directed funding, etc.) that compromises the activities of those on the front line: professors. The goal of this forum is to take stock of current trends and future prospects with regards to funding, research conditions, and dissemination of research results.

Guest speakers from the academic community, as well as institutional representatives, have been invited to take the floor and identify courses of action that would allow research to be carried out in Quebec under optimal conditions.
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8:15 a.m.   Sign-in
8:45 a.m.   Opening remarks and an overview of the day, Jean-Marie Lafortune, FQPPU President

Part I – Research Funding
9:00 a.m.   Review of the current situation, session presided over by Michel Umbriaco, CFU Vice-President
9:10 a.m.   Overview of current trends, Martin Maltais, CFU President, and Jules Racine, CFU researcher
9:40 a.m.   Discussion
10:00 a.m.  The highs and lows of Quebec government research funding
Panel: Frédéric Bouchard, CIRST Director
         Louise Dandurand, ACFAS President
         Rémi Quirion, Chief Scientist of Quebec
         Representative of the MEESR (to be confirmed)
         Representative of the MEIE (to be confirmed)

11:15 a.m.  Discussion
11:45 a.m.  Lunch (on-site)

Part II – Research Conditions
1:00 p.m.   Review of the current situation, session presided over by Diane Berthelette, Vice-President of the FRQSC board of directors
1:10 p.m.   Overview of current trends, Louis Maheu, emeritus professor at Université de Montréal
1:40 p.m.   Problems and solutions
Panel: Jean-Marie Dufour, professor at McGill University, member of the SSHRC governing council
         Radhouane Masmoudi, President of Université de Sherbrooke’s Association des ingénieurs professeurs des sciences appliquées (AIPSA)
         Françoise Naudillon, APUC-CUFA Vice-President

2:40 p.m.   Discussion
3:00 p.m.   Break

Part III – Dissemination of Research Results
3:15 p.m.   Review of the current situation, session presided over by Pierre Chastenay, professor at UQAM and scientific popularizer for Télé-Québec
3:25 p.m.   Overview of current trends, Jean Bernatchez, professor at UQAR
3:45 p.m.   Panel: Michèle Fortin, former President and Chief Executive Officer of Télé-Québec
         Pierre Trudel, Centre de recherche en droit public, Université de Montréal

4:30 p.m.   Discussion
5:00 p.m.   End of forum