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FOURTEEN YEARS OF COMMITMENT TO SCIENCE

The year 2024-2025 marked the first chapter of the Fonds de recherche du Québec as a unified entity, following the law merging the three Fonds de recherche du Québec. It was a new chapter in which we looked to the future with the development of our strategic plan for the next three years. This reflection process was informed by various consultations and a survey to better understand the issues and needs of the research community, as well as the concerns of our citizens. I would like to thank everyone who took part in these consultation exercises, lending invaluable insights for the FRQ.

Over the course of the year, the science advice has taken on a scale never seen in Quebec, and scientific advisors are now working in twelve municipalities across the province to increase the use of data and scientific knowledge in decision-making. While the issues facing our society have global implications, it is in our streets and communities that they take shape. I am proud to see this growing commitment by our municipalities to science and the scientific community. With the scientist-in-residence program within Quebec's ministries and delegations abroad, our decision-making bodies are strengthening Quebec's resilience by prioritizing the use of science in public policy development and the exercise of their diplomatic duties.

South of the border, unfortunately, things are not as positive, and science has been openly attacked since the arrival of the Trump administration. This situation, which I thought unimaginable coming from the world's leading scientific power, brings us back to a fundamental observation: the place of science is never guaranteed, and its necessity must be constantly reaffirmed. In every forum possible over the past few months, I have been a staunch defender of science and academic freedom. This context opens a timely window of opportunity for our governments to position Quebec and Canada at the forefront of the scientific world and attract international talent. Science diplomacy is also a promising avenue that can consolidate the influence of Quebec and Canada as reliable partners and true scientific leaders. The FRQ has launched a new program to create seven chairs in scientific diplomacy, which will place Quebec at the heart of global dialogues. In the face of complex, transnational, and systemic challenges, the insights provided by science and strong research partnerships are more essential than ever to think about and build a better future together.

As this report marks the fourteenth year of my tenure as Quebec's Chief Scientist and head of the FRQ, the time will come for me to pass the torch in the spring of 2026. I would like to thank the scientific community for its support, the governments, ministers, and senior officials I have served since 2011 for their trust, and all Quebecers for their curiosity and interest in science. I would like to extend a special thank you to the team at the Office of the Chief Scientist and to all FRQ staff, without whom I would not have been able to achieve my goals.

Rémi Quirion, O.C., C.Q., Ph.D., m.s.r.c.

Chief Scientist of Québec and President of INGSA

Chief Scientist of Québec's Report 2024-2025

CONTEXT

In 2022, Quebec adopted an ambitious strategy to strengthen research and innovation, two pillars of the province's economic and social development, with the implementation of the *Stratégie québécoise de recherche et d'investissement en innovation 2022-2027* (SQRI²). An unprecedented investment of \$7.5 billion until 2027 has been allocated to research and innovation, including a \$1.2 billion envelope for the FRQ to promote the growth of research in Quebec. During the fall of 2024, the Chief Scientist actively collaborated with teams from the ministère de l'Économie, de l'Innovation et de l'Énergie and the Conseil de l'innovation du Québec as part of the mid-term evaluation of the SQRI². Following a series of preliminary consultations and the Perspectives SQRI² event in October 2024, the mid-term review of the strategy was positive, and some 30 recommendations were made to guide and consolidate its impact between now and 2027.

On the provincial scene, the Chief Scientist's mandate was also marked by the appointment in September 2024 of Christine Fréchette as Minister of Economy, Innovation, and Energy, who showed great interest in the very first strategic plan (2025-2028) of the Fonds de recherche du Québec.

South of our border, since coming to power, the Trump administration has stepped up measures against scientific research and its funding. Budget cuts and the elimination of research programs, data suppression and censorship—the American scientific enterprise has been under attack for several months. The consequences of these measures extend beyond the US context and weaken all international scientific collaborations. First and foremost is Quebec, which has a close and historic scientific alliance with the United States. While it is still difficult to grasp the full impact of these changes, the situation also represents an opportunity for Quebec and Canada to assert their scientific leadership and to loudly and clearly recognize the contribution of science to the economic and social development of our society.

Finally, we would like to highlight a renewal within the FRQ's management team with the appointment by the Conseil des ministres on July 9, 2025, of Christian Agbobli as Vice-President of Research, Scientific Direction, for the Society and Culture sector of the Fonds de recherche du Québec. In October 2025, he took over from Louise Poissant, who worked with strength and conviction to develop this sector over the past ten years.

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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Strengthening science in French

Science in French remains a priority, and the FRQ continues to launch initiatives to strengthen the dissemination of and access to scientific knowledge in this language. In December 2024, at the initiative of the Chief Scientist, two calls for proposals were launched to the community with a view to creating four scientific journals in French: two cross-disciplinary journals, one in health sciences and another in science and engineering. These new scholarly journals will join the 60 or so journals in the humanities and social sciences already supported by the FRQ.

As part of the partnership *Québec-France sur la découvrabilité des contenus scientifiques francophones* signed in May 2024, a scientific committee co-chaired by Quebec's chief scientist and the Secrétaire perpétuel de l'Académie des sciences of France, Mr. Étienne Ghys, was officially established to provide an overview of the situation and make general recommendations. In April 2025, an inaugural meeting of the Québec-France partnership's governing body was held in Paris in the presence of Quebec's Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie, bringing together some 30 people in person and virtually. Ultimately, the committee's work will inform the development of a Franco-Quebec strategy on the discoverability of French-language scientific content.

Structuring the diplomacy and science interface

Climate change, digital technologies, security, global health: scientific diplomacy is an important lever for addressing the major global challenges of our time. To structure the development of knowledge at the interface between diplomacy and science, in January 2025, under the leadership of the chief scientist, the FRQ launched a program that led to the creation of seven chairs in scientific diplomacy. In the fall of 2024, the Chief Scientist announced the first chair in scientific diplomacy in Paris, alongside the Rector of Université Laval and the President of Sorbonne Université. Through this initiative, the Chief Scientist hopes to build a research program and a global network of experts in science diplomacy, increase international collaboration on priority themes, and train the next generation of researchers in science diplomacy.

Research directions

STRATEGIC PLANNING 2025-2028

The year 2024-2025 was marked by the preparation of the FRQ's first-ever strategic plan for the next three years. To inform its thinking on the main directions to be taken, the FRQ invited the research community (researchers, students, university and college administrators) to consultations held online and in person in Quebec City and Montreal in November 2024. A citizen consultation was also organized in January on the Consultation Québec platform to identify the priority societal challenges for the public and civil society. A second consultation, in the form of a webinar, was held in March to discuss the issues identified by citizens, with the chief scientist and FRQ's vice presidents.

RESEARCH EVALUATION

In April 2025, the FRQ announced the gradual implementation of the descriptive CV to harmonize its practices with those of federal funding agencies. In addition to simplifying the funding application process, the implementation of the CV-FRQ aims to evolve the evaluation process to align with best practices in the field and to begin the transition to a qualitative evaluation of research.

This change is also in line with the FRQ's longstanding commitment to the *San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA)* and the *Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA)*. To ensure the implementation of CoARA principles in Quebec, the FRQ has launched a strategic initiative entitled «Evolution of Research Excellence Assessment» (E3R). At the CoARA general meeting held in June 2025, the chief scientist presented the FRQ's action plan to support the cultural shift toward a qualitative approach to evaluating research excellence.



From left to right: Janice Bailey, Vice President of Research, Scientific Direction, Nature and Technology Sector; Louise Poissant, Vice President of Research, Scientific Direction, Society and Culture Sector; Karina Assal, Executive Vice President and Secretary of the Board of Directors; and Rémi Quirion, Chief Scientist of Quebec. Photo credit: FRQ.

❖ Scientific missions and agreements

MISSIONS AS PRESIDENT OF INGSA

Quebec's chief scientist carried out several international missions as President of INGSA during the 2024-2025 fiscal year. In particular, he traveled to Paris in September 2024 to participate in the plenary conference of the Chief Scientific Advisor's Roundtable at UNESCO, organized by the G20 and UNESCO, as part of the meeting of chief scientists or equivalents.

Rémi Quirion then traveled to New York to attend the 10th United Nations Science Summit, held during the 79th United Nations General Assembly in September 2024. Under the theme of science and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the chief scientist gave a lecture on global health. This trip also provided an opportunity to sign a partnership agreement between the FRQ, INGSA, the Office of the UN Secretary-General, and the United Nations University as part of the Science & Diplomacy Joint Program. Quebec will be at the forefront of this global program, which is aligned with the objectives of the Summit of the Future.

In November 2024, Rémi Quirion represented INGSA and Québec at the 11th World Science Forum in Budapest. At this gathering of leading scientists, he gave a presentation on his vision of research partnerships in the current global context and on the links between cooperation, coordination, and governance in science at the international level.

At the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) held in February 2025 in Boston, the chief scientist gave a lecture on the various positions that scientific councils must master in order to better navigate between different systems. In response to the Trump administration's anti-science measures, Rémi Quirion was invited to write an editorial in the prestigious journal *Science*. In [this article](#), he reiterated the need to maintain and strengthen scientific collaboration between Canada and the United States, which is an important driver of innovation for North America.

Continuing his international commitments as president of INGSA, Rémi Quirion traveled

to Paris in March 2025 to participate in the Global Ministerial Dialogue on Science Diplomacy, organized by UNESCO. He was invited to a roundtable discussion on the role of science diplomacy in promoting open scientific research while ensuring its security.

2025 saw the official launch of the European regional chapter of INGSA in March. On this occasion, Rémi Quirion traveled to Queen's College, Oxford, to participate in the inaugural conference of INGSA-Europe and interactive sessions to develop the program for the new branch.

In June 2025, Rémi Quirion participated, in India, to the Global Young Academy's Global summit. He also represented Québec's research ecosystem through visits to Bangalore and Delhi. This was a unique opportunity to reestablish links with the Indian research ecosystem amongst current new developments in the diplomatic relationship between Canada and India.

INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATIONS

The fall of 2024 was rich in collaborations with international partners. In September, the chief scientist first carried out a mission to Morocco, which aimed to assess the progress of projects co-funded under the partnership between the FRQ and Morocco's Centre National pour la Recherche Scientifique et Technique (CNRS). He then participated in the 21st edition of the Science and Technology in Society Forum in Kyoto, where he chaired a round table on collaboration between governments, academia, and industry.

In October, the chief scientist headed to France to participate in the 19th Francophonie Summit of the International Organization of the Francophonie (OIF) in Villers-Cotterêts. The FRQ, Université Laval, and Sorbonne Université took advantage of this event to sign a declaration of intent affirming their desire to create a research chair on science diplomacy. This trip across the Atlantic was also an opportunity to meet with various French research funding organizations that are partners of the FRQ. The chief scientist then traveled to Toulouse, which was hosting World Scien-

tific Francophonie Week, a gathering of major players in the scientific Francophonie organized by the Agence universitaire de la Francophonie. In addition to giving a lecture on the relationship between the scientific Francophonie and the economic Francophonie during the opening panel, Rémi Quirion took part in various ministerial meetings with Quebec's Minister of Higher Education, Pascale Déry.

At the end of 2024, Rémi Quirion participated in the Science Forum South Africa in Pretoria, South Africa. A session on research and innovation in the field of climate change was organized by the chief scientist, with a particular focus on forest fire management and flooding. On the sidelines of this forum, the FRQ and the National Research Foundation (NRF) signed a joint declaration of intent to promote and support collaborative research and mobility activities between Quebec and South Africa.

Finally, in June 2025, the Chief Scientist traveled to Nice to participate in the 3rd United Nations Ocean Conference, where he spoke at the France-Quebec round table on cold ocean warming. During this trip, a declaration of intent was signed between the FRQ, the Institut Universitaire Européen de la Mer at the Université de Bretagne Occidentale (IUEM-UBO) and ISMER at Université du Québec à Rimouski (ISMER-UQAR) with a view to developing scientific collaboration around two jointly supervised thesis projects.



From left to right: Rémi Quirion, Chief Scientist of Quebec, Nathalie Drach-Temam, President of Sorbonne Université, and Sophie d'Amours, Rector of Université Laval.

Photo credit: Pierre Kitmacher, Sorbonne University.

❖❖❖ Intersectoral projects development

INTERSECTORAL NETWORK ON AGING

In December 2024, the FRQ announced \$9.45 million in funding to support the renewal of the Quebec Network for Research of Aging (RQRV) for the next eight years. This funding will enable the RQRV to continue its research activities to address the challenges and opportunities arising from demographic changes and propose innovative solutions to improve the quality of life and health of seniors in Quebec.

❖❖❖ Conferences and public affairs

PARTICIPATION IN ACFAS EVENTS

Once again, this year, the FRQ actively partnered with Acfas in a variety of activities. For the twelfth consecutive year, the FRQ co-hosted the Journées de la relève en recherche (J2R), which took place at the Université de Sherbrooke from October 23 to 26, 2024. The FRQ held several workshops, and the office of the chief scientist offered a new workshop on science and public policy development. The FRQ's Intersectoral Student Committee was also present to organize a consultation to better understand the perceptions of the next generation regarding the use of artificial intelligence in research.

During the 92nd Acfas Congress, held at the École de technologie supérieure from May 5 to 13, 2025, a special event honoring the chief scientist brought together more than 140 people. This intimate interview between Rémi Quirion and Sophie Montreuil, Executive Director of Acfas, provided an opportunity to look back on the first 100 days of Quebec's first chief scientist, his vision for scientific advisory boards, and his important contribution to building a strong network of scientific advisory boards, both here and internationally. During the conference, the chief scientist also gave the opening remarks at the symposium organized by the Québec Circular Economy Research Network. He also served as a panelist at the symposium organized by Acfas and the Conseil franco-québécois de coopération universitaire to discuss Quebec and

France's commitment to promoting the discoverability of knowledge in French.

16TH CANADIAN SCIENCE POLICY CONFERENCE

From November 20 to 22, 2024, Ottawa hosted the 16th Canadian Science Policy Conference, under the theme «Empowering Society: The Transformative Value of Science, Knowledge, and Innovation.» The Office of the chief scientist organized three panel discussions on scientific advice, open access, and North-South and South-South scientific collaboration. In addition, dignitaries and representatives of the Group of Francophone Ambassadors in Ottawa took part in a reception, hosted by Chief Scientist and the International Development Research Centre, to celebrate Canadian and international Francophonie.

QUEBEC UNESCO CHAIRS DAY

In March 2025, the office of the chief scientist brought together the holders of UNESCO Chairs in Quebec and key partners from the UNESCO network in Quebec for a day of discussion and reflection at the Université du Québec à Montréal. This strategic event, organized in collaboration with the Canadian Commission for UNESCO and the ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie, aimed to reflect on priority areas and solutions to be implemented in the medium term, in addition to promoting networking and the sharing of practices among the chairs. The proposals and reflections that emerged from this day were

reported to UNESCO by the chair holders in the following months.

SEVERAL INTERVENTIONS ON THE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL

The chief scientist fulfilled several commitments during the 2024-2025 fiscal year. He was invited as a speaker by the Réseau francophone international en conseil scientifique (RFICS) for the webinar «Guiding Scientific Advice: The Role of the Chief Scientist.» He also gave the opening remarks at the webinar «Demystifying Municipal Scientific Advisory Services,» organized jointly by the Réseau Québec maritime (RQM), the Réseau Inondations InterSectoriel du Québec (RIISQ), and the Chaire de recherche municipale pour les villes durables. As part of the symposium «What Future for Regional Universities in Quebec?», held at UQAR, Rémi Quirion participated in a round table discussion on future scenarios for regional universities. During a webinar organized by the Cercle Francophone of the Canadian Science Policy Centre, he was invited to serve as a panelist to discuss scientific diplomacy in French as a strategic asset for Canada. Finally, he participated in the Université de Montréal's summer school on science diplomacy, where he spoke about the role of public policy, governments, and international public actors in science diplomacy.

❖❖❖ Promoting research

2ND EDITION OF LES GRANDS SAGES

Established by the chief scientist, the Grands Sages Awards aim to build bridges between generations by honoring three leading figures who have made a mark on science in Quebec and three rising stars in research supported by the FRQ. At a gala evening held on November 14, 2024, Rémi Quirion presented the awards to three new builders: Phil Gold of McGill University, Françoise Sullivan of Concordia University, and Ashok K. Vijh of the Hydro-Québec Research Institute. Three scholarships named after the Grands sages were awarded to three doctoral students.

To bring those who built scientific Quebec back into the public eye, the FRQ partnered with Savoir média to produce the series «Les Grands sages,» which recounts the journeys and highlights of these personalities in interviews between Rémi Quirion and each of the sages. To watch the second season of this series, visit our website: <https://frq.gouv.qc.ca/prix-grands-sages/>

10TH FRQ FORUM: TRUST IN SCIENCE

In partnership with the Palais des congrès de Montréal, the FRQ organized the 10th edition of its annual forum on the theme «La confiance dans la science: une question de communication?» The event was held on November 28, 2024, at the Palais des congrès de Montréal and online. Hosted by science communicator Jean-Daniel Doucet, the forum opened with a word from the chief scientist. As an introduction, science education professor Pierre Chastenay presented the basic principles of science teaching. Discussions then focused on ways to maintain scientific credibility with an audience whose attention is increasingly sought after, and on initiatives that promote dialogue between science and society. Nearly 300 people from all regions of Quebec took part in this event to collectively reflect on the links between communication practices and trust in science, a subject that is central to the chief scientist's mandate.

SPOTLIGHT ON CITIZEN SCIENCE

In the winter of 2025, the FRQ, in partnership with the Musée de la civilisation de Québec and the Centre Déclic, offered an activity for the public to discover citizen science. Hosted by science journalist Valérie Borde, this event gave citizen-scientist duos trained through the ENGAGEMENT program the opportunity to share their experiences in participatory science. Launched in 2019 at the initiative of the chief scientist, the ENGAGEMENT program allows citizens to get involved in

scientific research by proposing a research idea and carrying it out in close collaboration with a researcher.

NEW SUPPORT AND A NEW AWARD FOR THE COMMUNITY

Responsible research conduct (RRC) is essential to maintaining public and decision-maker confidence in science. To raise awareness and promote RRC, in the summer of 2025, the FRQ launched the Michèle Stanton-Jean Support to support RRC initiatives undertaken by the scientific community. This support was named in honor of the intellectual Michèle Stanton-Jean, who was the first chair of the FRQ's Research Ethics Committee. In addition, the FRQ and ADRIQ have joined forces to present a new award that recognizes the successful integration of public and private research in concrete projects with high potential for economic, social, and environmental impact. The Fonds de recherche du Québec Award was presented at the 35th ADRIQ Innovation Awards Gala in the fall of 2025.

5TH EDITION OF THE *Propulsez ensemble la recherche* CAMPAIGN

For the fifth consecutive year, FRQ launched its digital campaign *Propulsez ensemble la recherche* (Let's drive research forward together), a unifying movement to express pride in being part of the FRQ community and supporting public research. This campaign began the day after the grant announcements, on May 1st, 2025, and ran until June 5th, 2025. A record num-



ber of 280 personalized visuals were produced, reflecting the scientific community's enthusiasm for this movement. The FRQ also benefited from the commitment of nine super ambassadors, selected for their positive impact on society, to mark the launch of the campaign. This year, a mosaic featuring all the participants was created to showcase the new faces of the FRQ community and bring together their testimonials on the importance of public funding for their research. Discover the mosaic of ambassadors for 2025-2026 on our website: <https://frq.gouv.qc.ca/com-munaute-frq/>

SOCIAL MEDIA

Always very active on social media, Quebec's chief scientist interacts regularly with his community. The number of people subscribing to his accounts continues to grow, particularly on Facebook and Instagram. Due to X's policies, which run counter to the FRQ's values, the chief scientist has been much less active there. However, he has joined the Bluesky social network, where he already has 750 followers. Across all platforms, more than 58,000 people follow, comment on, and share the content posted.

Science and government

COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE AT THE INTERFACE BETWEEN SCIENCE AND POLITICS

Launched in 2023 by the office of the chief scientist, the Forum sciences et politiques du Québec (Forum SPQ) is a community of practice that brings together members of the public administration, political circles, research, and innovation around a program of activities at the interface of science and public policy. During 2024-2025, the Forum continued to grow, with a 70% increase in membership (65% from research and innovation, and 20% from public administration). In collaboration with the Secrétariat du Conseil du Trésor, 18 webinars were organized on the themes of climate change, artificial intelligence, and disinformation. Nearly 3,600 people, 89% of whom were from Quebec's public administration, took part in these activities. In addition, in November 2024, the Forum SPQ published a report entitled [L'interface sciences, politiques et administration publique au Québec](#), produced by ÉNAP. This publication is the result of the first phase of a study aimed at better understanding current practices related to the use of evidence in decision-making by Quebec public service. The second phase of the study, to be conducted in the fall of 2025, will provide a more in-depth analysis of the impacts of certain mechanisms considered to be promising, as well as the factors that influence their implementation.

SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARDS AT THE MUNICIPAL, PROVINCIAL, AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS

Over the past year, the municipal scientific advisory council movement has taken on a new dimension with the appointment of scientific advisors in the cities of Mirabel, Salaberry-de-Valleyfield, Sainte-Marthe, Contrecoeur, Deschambault-Grondines, and in the Quebec City Metropolitan Community. Since the open letter signed by the chief scientist in 2021, a dozen municipalities or municipal organizations have followed suit to strengthen the scientific reflex within their administrative and political teams. In addition, the scientist-in-residence program was rolled out this year in the regional county municipality of Beauce-Centre and the City of Laval. Given the momentum of this movement, Quebec is a pioneer in scientific advisory services at the municipal level.

At the provincial level, scientific advice continues to gain momentum with the opening of the scientist-in-residence program to all ministries. In partnership with the Conseil du Trésor, the FRQ is enabling Quebec ministries to host PhD holders for a period of one year to support them in carrying out complex mandates that require scientific input. During the 2024-2025 academic year, eight scientists in residence joined the ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêches et de l'Alimentation, le ministère du Travail, le ministère de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale, le ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux, le ministère de l'Éducation, le ministère de l'Environnement, de la lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs, and finally, the Assemblée nationale du Québec.

Internationally, the scientist-in-residence program at Quebec's foreign missions was launched in the spring of 2025. The result of close collaboration with the ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie and the Offices jeunesse internationaux du Québec (LOJIQ), it allows PhD holders to learn about international relations and scientific diplomacy. To date, thirteen Québec delegations abroad are participating in the program, offering scientific residencies in Dakar (Senegal), Rabat (Morocco), Seoul (South Korea), Tokyo (Japan), Los Angeles (United States), New York (United States), Mexico City (Mexico), Toronto (Canada), Brussels (Belgium), London (Great Britain), Munich (Germany), Paris (France), and Rome (Italy).

TRAINING PROGRAM L'INTERFACE

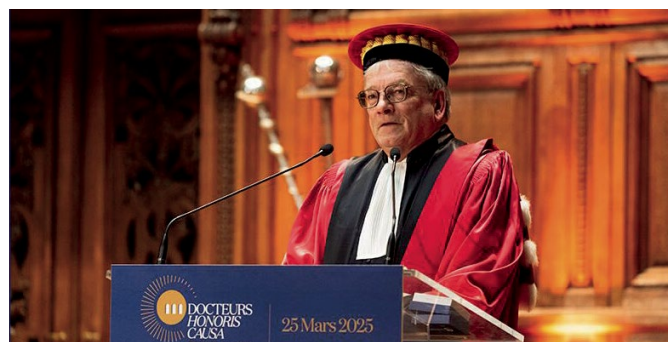
The office of the chief scientist, in partnership with Acfas, launched the second edition of its intensive training program, L'interface. Composed of 20 members of the research community, the 2024-2025 cohort was mentored by nearly 20 specialists who trained them in scientific advisory and supported them in their initiative with municipal and provincial decision-makers.

Media presence





The chief scientist gave several media interviews during 2024-2025. In particular, he was asked to respond to anti-science measures in the United States, in addition to writing several opinion pieces highlighting the fundamental contribution of science to societal progress and the need to strengthen our research system in Quebec and Canada. In May 2025, following the announcement of his departure as Quebec's chief scientist, Rémi Quirion gave interviews on television, radio, and in print media to some fifteen specialized media outlets (Les années lumière, Québec Science, Affaires universitaires, etc.) and general media outlets (RDI, Zone Économie, La Presse, Le Devoir, etc.) to take stock of his fourteen years of service as Quebec's first chief scientist.

A year of recognition

During the year, Quebec's chief scientist received several awards in recognition of his scientific career and his contribution to scientific advisory boards. In November 2024, the Consulate General of Belgium in Montreal awarded him the title of Commander of the Order of the Crown, in recognition of his remarkable impact on the dynamism of Belgian-Quebec scientific relations. In December 2024, the Institut d'administration publique du Québec (IAPQ) awarded him a tribute prize for his decisive role in promoting the use of evidence-based decision-making within the Quebec public service. At the 9th Science Forum South Africa, South Africa's Minister of Higher Education, Science, and Technology, Bonginkosi Emmanuel Blade Nzimande, presented Rémi Quirion with the Science Diplomacy Award for Science Advice with Global Impact. In March 2025, Sorbonne Université awarded him an honorary doctorate for his outstanding contribution to neuroscience research and science diplomacy. Finally, in May 2025, he was named an emeritus member of Acfas for his exceptional and long-standing contribution to the association, to the vitality of science in French, and to the dialogue between science and society.



Sorbonne Université Honorary Doctorate Ceremony, March 25, 2025.
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