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**The Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec congratulates engineer Julie Payette
on her appointment to the Montreal Science Centre**

Montreal, May 9, 2013 – The Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec congratulates engineer Julie Payette on her appointment to the position of Chief Operating Officer of the Montreal Science Centre. “Ms. Payette has had an extraordinary career and her achievements, which were made possible by her iron will, unmatched expertise and excellent communication skills, inspire us all,” stated OIQ President Daniel Lebel, Eng., PMP, in reaction to this appointment.

“This astronaut’s career is inspiring to the entire profession and especially to the 8,000 women engineers in Québec who work in all fields of engineering and directly contribute to society’s well-being,” added Mr. Lebel.

The OIQ is particularly happy that Ms. Payette has now chosen to dedicate all of her energy to sparking an interest in young people for science and technology. For the third consecutive year, the OIQ is also a sponsor of the “Engineering Zone” of the Euréka! Festival, an initiative of the Montreal Science Centre.

In addition, the OIQ has organized and actively supports a large number of science education activities in the interest of helping to build a future generation of engineers and applied scientists: placepourtoi.ca site, partnership with Télé-Québec for the show *Génial!*, support for Youth Fusion’s First Robotics Québec competition, etc.

PLAN – the magazine of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec, which is now celebrating fifty years of publication – included a feature story on Ms. Payette in its April 2009 issue. This issue can still be accessed for free on the OIQ’s Web site at http://www.oiq.qc.ca/Documents/DCAP/Archives_Plan/2009/2009_03.pdf.

About the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec

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