

KATHY BAIG, PRESIDENT OF THE ORDRE DES INGÉNIEURS DU QUÉBEC, RECEIVES A PRESTIGIOUS CANADA'S TOP 40 UNDER 40 AWARD

Montreal, June 26, 2019 – The Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec (OIQ) is proud to announce that its President, Kathy Baig, Eng., FEC, MBA, is one of the 2019 recipients of a prestigious Canada's Top 40 Under 40 Award. This awards program pays tribute every year to men and women across the country who have become leaders in their field before the age of 40. The recipients are chosen according to four key criteria: vision and innovation, leadership, impact and influence, and social responsibility.

"This is a great honour that I would like to dedicate to the entire team of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec, which I have had the privilege of leading in the last few years and whose work is recognized across Canada for everything that it accomplished in transforming our organization. This distinction also reflects on all women engineers and the future women engineers who are preparing to enter the profession," stated President Kathy Baig.

In 2013, at age 32, Kathy Baig joined the OIQ as a Board member. She has been its President since June 2016, the fourth woman to hold this position since the organization's founding in 1920. One of her most noteworthy achievements is the ENG2020 Strategic Plan, which has enabled the OIQ to strengthen its public protection mechanisms, improve professional practice and better support members, among other achievements. The OIQ needed to make a strategic shift. With support from a seasoned Board of Directors and management team, Ms. Baig successfully led the organization in making this shift and radically improving its climate.

A mother of two, engineer and holder of an MBA from HEC Montreal, Kathy Baig also makes a significant contribution as a member of the boards of directors of Engineers Canada, Via Rail Canada and Maison Saint-Gabriel.

In Québec, Kathy Baig acts as a champion of Engineers Canada's nationwide 30 by 30 initiative, which aims to raise the percentage of new women engineers in Québec to 30% by 2030.

Kathy Baig's remarkable accomplishments have also been recognized by the Federation of Chambers of Commerce of Québec (Mercury Award for her leadership), Engineers Canada (Fellow) and the Canadian Academy of Engineering (Fellow).

About the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec

Founded in 1920, the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec has a membership of some 63,000 engineering professionals in all fields, except forest engineering. The OIQ's aim is to be a unifying organization and a reference for professionalism and excellence in engineering. Its mission is to protect the public by acting to ensure that engineers serve society with professionalism and integrity, in compliance with the laws, regulations and standards that govern the profession and in the public interest. For more information, go to www.oiq.qc.ca.

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