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Christine Vaillancourt, P.Geo., FGC, takes office as President of Geoscientists Canada for 2024-2025

On June 1, 2024, at the 84th Meeting of the Board of Directors of Geoscientists Canada, held in Winnipeg, MB, **Christine Vaillancourt, P.Geo., FGC** took office as President for the 2024-2025 year after serving a year as President-Elect. Ms. Vaillancourt is Assistant - Director and Research for CONSOREM at Université du Québec à Chicoutimi and acts as Chief Geologist for Northern Shield Resources Inc.

Ms. Vaillancourt holds an M. Sc. Earth Sciences (2001), B. Eng. Geological Engineering (1995) from the Université du Québec à Chicoutimi (UQAC), Québec, and a Licence en Géologie Fondamentale (1994) from Université de Montpellier II, Sciences et Technologie du Languedoc, Montpellier, France. She is a professional geoscientist (P.Geo.) registered with three jurisdictions - Professional Geoscientists Ontario (PGO), Ordre des géologues du Québec (OGQ), and Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Newfoundland and Labrador (PEGNL). Ms. Vaillancourt has over 30 years of experience in exploration program design and implementation, bedrock mapping, and reporting on a broad variety of mineral deposit environments across Canada.

As a volunteer in a variety of professional and learned organizations, Ms. Vaillancourt served in several roles including a term as a President and Council member of Professional Geoscientists Ontario. Ms. Vaillancourt has served as Ontario Director of Geoscientists Canada since 2020 and has served on the Executive Committee since 2021. During her tenure on the Geoscientists Canada Board of Directors, Ms. Vaillancourt has served as a Treasurer, President-Elect, and also as a member of Governance and Audit Committees, the CEO Search Task Force, and various other Committees.

When commenting on her new role as President, Ms. Vaillancourt indicated that she is looking forward to working with Geoscientists Canada. *"I am excited eager to continue championing the alignment of professional geoscience regulation to achieve the highest standards across Canada. I am also honored to be given the opportunity to promote excellence in the practice of geosciences through continuous improvement and adaptation to evolving social and environmental challenges"*.

Also, during the June 1, 2024 Geoscientists Canada Board of Directors meeting, **Mr. Mathew Alexander, P.Geo., FGC**, director for New Brunswick, was elected President-Elect and **Ms. Kristen Darr, P.Geo., FGC**, director for Saskatchewan, was elected Treasurer.

The geoscience profession, which encompasses many specialized practice disciplines, currently comprises over 15,000 licensed professionals (P.Geo.) and Geoscientists-in-Training registered with geoscience regulators across Canada.

With ten Member regulators, Geoscientists Canada is the national organization of the provincial and territorial licensing bodies that regulate the practice of geoscience in Canada.

Geoscientists Canada's Mission is to support its Members in their efforts to improve the effectiveness of regulation in Canada and achieve excellence in the geoscience profession.



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