



Canadian Council on Animal Care Conseil canadien de protection des animaux

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW CCAC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The CCAC Board of Directors is very pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Louise Desjardins as Executive Director of the Canadian Council on Animal Care, effective June 23, 2014.

Dr. Louise Desjardins was a Senior Policy Advisor for the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) for over 5 years. She was also the Government of Canada's team lead for key projects resulting in the Royal Assent of the *Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Act* and the creation of the organization. In her most recent role, Dr. Desjardins was an independent consultant offering a suite of strategic planning and technical writing services in the areas of health and life sciences.



Dr. Louise Desjardins

Her other past roles include the inaugural Assistant Scientific Director for CIHR's Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis, the Manager of Business Development for the Canadian Genetic Diseases Network, and Program Manager for the Networks of Centres of Excellence. She has represented these organizations on over 25 national and international policy, planning and review committees.

Dr. Desjardins obtained her B.Sc. Honours from Dalhousie University, M.Sc. in nutritional sciences from the University of Guelph, and a Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Western Ontario. She was a Post-doctoral fellow at the University of Ottawa and a Research Associate at the National Research Council of Canada. She is the recipient of numerous academic and professional awards including the Deputy Minister of Health Team Award of Excellence, the Medical Research Council President's Team Award of Excellence, and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council President's Team Award of Excellence.

On behalf of the CCAC Board of Directors, I am honoured to have Dr. Desjardins join the organization as Executive Director and look forward to a successful relationship.

Dr. Mark G. Torchia
Chair, CCAC Board of Directors