



François Dauphin Appointed President and CEO of IGOPP

Montreal, May 21, 2020 – The board of directors of the Institute for governance (IGOPP) is pleased to announce that **François Dauphin** has been appointed president and CEO and director of IGOPP, effective June 1, 2020.

He will succeed Michel Nadeau, who has been IGOPP's Director General since it was created in 2005. Professor Yvan Allaire, executive chair of the board for the past 15 years, will assume the (non-executive) chair of the board for a transition period. Mr. Nadeau will continue to act as advisor to the new CEO.

Mr. Dauphin has held the position of research director at IGOPP from 2014 to 2017 during which time he led various research projects, in collaboration with the executive chair. Several of these studies, policy papers, articles and research reports have been published in national and international publications.

An accountant by training (CPA), Mr. Dauphin also holds an MBA and has completed doctoral studies in strategy. His demonstrated ability to carry out first-rate research and lead training programs combined with over 20 years of practical, hands-on experience in management, strategy and governance make for a leader who is sensitive to all aspects of CEO's responsibility. Under his guidance and leadership, IGOPP meet the new challenges in the field of governance.

Professor Allaire welcomed the appointment: "Having known Mr. Dauphin as a student and then as a colleague at IGOPP, I applaud his appointment as CEO with enthusiasm and confidence. The Institute for which Michel and I have worked so hard will be in good hands for years to come."

"Since IGOPP was created, more than 300 organizations have called upon our governance expertise under affordable conditions," added Mr. Nadeau. "Based on cutting-edge research and innovative concepts, IGOPP has fashioned a unique place in the cluttered field of governance and has offered training in the principles of good governance to many people. And the new CEO shares this goal."

For the past three years, Mr. Dauphin was executive vice-president and shareholder of a property management firm with responsibility for the company's finance, accounting and human resources management, as well as for the supervision and governance of some 20 co-owners' boards of directors.



Previously, Mr. Dauphin was director, finance and strategic investments with a private family conglomerate. In this role, Mr. Dauphin also provided general management and financial management of various operational subsidiaries during transition periods, primarily SMEs in the distribution and retail trade.

For more than a decade, Mr. Dauphin has lectured at the strategy department of the École des sciences de la gestion, Université du Québec à Montréal where he taught a master's seminar on Strategy and Radical Change".

"I am proud and enthusiastic to take up my new duties at IGOPP and build on the remarkable success of Professor Allaire and Mr. Nadeau over the last 15 years. I am sure that my business experience and knowledge of the world of governance will be useful in meeting new challenges as the field of governance continues to evolve," said Mr. Dauphin.

The board of directors welcomes Mr. Dauphin to the team and thanks Professor Allaire and Mr. Nadeau for their immeasurable contribution. Their energy and their unconditional dedication have made IGOPP an indispensable reference in governance in North America, through publications and avant-garde position papers, expert media appearances and numerous training sessions on value-creating governance[®] for directors and officers.

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About IGOPP

Created in 2005 by two academic institutions (HEC Montréal and Concordia University – The John Molson School of Business), the Stephen Jarislowsky Foundation and the Autorité des marchés financiers, the Institute for governance (IGOPP) has become a centre for excellence about governance of public and private organizations. Through research and publications, seminars on value-creating governance[®], policy papers and board evaluation and governance interventions, IGOPP has become a key reference on all issues of governance in the private and public sectors.

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