



Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists Association canadienne des ergothérapeutes

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Welcome to France Verville, appointed the first Managing Director of the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists – Quebec chapter (CAOT-QC)

Dear colleagues;

As we approach the October 1st launch date for CAOT-QC, we are very pleased to announce that the regional leadership team is in place and underway on their mandate to advance occupational therapy practice in Quebec.

Effective August 15, 2016 France Verville B.Sc., MBA, OT will assume the Managing Director role for CAOT-QC. France is an occupational therapist and an educator who teaches at two universities and is involved in continuing education at Ordre des Ergothérapeutes du Québec.

France began her practice with work in community services, where she defended the rights of clients. In 1988, she was the first occupational therapist to testify at the Superior Court of Quebec, as an expert witness for both the plaintiff and the defence, in civil and medical malpractice lawsuits. France was also one of the first occupational therapists to testify at the Quebec Administrative Tribunal (TAQ) and Employment Injury Commission (CLP). Her expertise is in the quality and legal context of written reports.

France is a graduate of the University of Laval Occupational Therapy Program (1982) and received an MBA from the University of Sherbrooke (1992). She has worked in both the private and public sector with varied clientele and was involved in setting up local community service centre (CLSC) home care programs in three regions of Quebec.

Regarding her role as Managing Director for CAOT-QC, France says "Hoping to use my experience, I am motivated by my new position and my interest for the advancement of occupational therapy practice. I am committed to start the Quebec Chapter of CAOT and to work closely with members on representation, advocacy and promotion in the context of influencing positive change within organizations and their environment."

France will be well supported in her Director role. An interim Advisory Committee will provide counsel, information and input during the start-up year of the new provincial chapter. Martine Brousseau, erg, PH.D., Professeure au Département d'ergothérapie, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières and CAOT Board Director, Quebec, will act as Chair of the interim Advisory Committee and, together with France,



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will coordinate meetings that will help develop the strategies, structures and processes needed for the Quebec chapter of CAOT to meet the provincial needs of the profession. The members of the CAOT-QC interim Advisory Committee will be announced before the end of August, with a first Committee meeting planned for September.

A dedicated CAOT-QC website, www.caot.ca/caot-qc, is set to launch in the next few days, so please bookmark it to follow CAOT-QC developments.

Cordially,

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