

## Dr. Francine Décary, M.D., Ph. D., M.B.A. President and Chief Executive Officer, Héma-Québec



Dr. Francine Décary has been President and Chief Executive Officer of Héma-Québec since her founding in 1998. With her team, she has managed to rank her young organization among the safe and reliable transfusion centres of the world.

She completed her medical degree *magna cum laude* at the Université de Montréal (1967), her hematology in 1974 and earned a PhD in immunohematology from the University of Amsterdam (1977). She also holds an MBA from the Université de Sherbrooke (1996). A researcher and expert on the safety of blood components, she has written numerous abstracts and articles and she is a much sought-after lecturer.

Her managerial skills have been widely recognized and she has been the recipient of several distinctive awards among which, in 2002, the Ortho Award in Transfusion Medicine from the Canadian Society for Transfusion Medicine (CSTM) in recognition of her contribution to the Canadian blood system; in 2004 the YWCA Montreal Woman of Distinction Award; in 2005, the Armand-Frappier Prize representing the highest distinction of the Government of Quebec for the development and promotion of research and recently, in 2006, she was honored by the Faculty of Business Administration of the Université de Sherbrooke as “Ambassador of the university”.

Dr. Décary is a member of several boards of directors in the academic and not-for-profit sectors. Her experience, her skills and her expertise benefit the organizations for which she devotes her attention.