

Dear Colleagues,

After five years in the regional committees, I decided to take another step in my involvement. My commitment to the Engineering and to you is above all a reflection of my desire to always advance our profession and its bond of trust towards the public.

Engineering and engineers are central to our society. A place that is reinforced in this period of upheaval. Public confidence in our community must therefore remain strong. The Order must maintain this trust while supporting its members in the practice of the profession.

It is based on this conviction that I have always guided my actions in the Montreal Committee by:

- Contributing to the reconciliation of members: organization of training and engineering practice activities to support members and facilitate intermember relations and exchanges and the integration of PFÉ²;
- Helping to increase the number of women in engineering and to build our next generation.
- Contributing to the outcome of several issues affecting our profession: the new Law of Engineers, sustainable development, valuing the profession of engineer, etc...

In coming together with you, I have reinforced my conviction that the Order must be attentive to the challenges faced by all its members from all disciplines of engineering. It must also take a greater place in public matters affecting our entire profession. This is how we will make Engineering to be the reference for public protection.

I therefore wish to:

- Address issues raised by members; and actively promote the updating of regulations and standards (training, professional development, admission of PFÉ, etc.);
- Work for greater visibility and influence of the Order in the public area;
- Valuing and demystifying our profession to the public;
- Ensure that the assessment is reasonable;
- Promote best and sound governance and management practices to make the Order a reference in this field;
- Promote the inclusion and representation of all its members.

I am convinced that my dynamism, the field experience gained at your side, my experiences and notable skills are major assets to actively contribute to the challenges of the Board. I will bring new ideas to our professional order and have a beneficial impact on our profession.

Thank you in advance for your trust.

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² Professionnels formés à l'étranger (Professionals coming from outside)