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Construction of the Future CHUM It's a go!

Montréal, March 25, 2010 – The CHUM has reached a turning point in its history. In a few days, the Québec public will witness the first step of the CHUM's modernization project, with the start of construction on its research centre. According to Christian Paire, CHUM Director General, "the CHUM will soon have an ultra-modern, well designed, state-of-the-art facility, equipped with cutting-edge technologies and equipment that will benefit researchers and, of course, patients. The centre will not only reinforce Montréal's position as a life sciences hub, but will also contribute to its economic vitality and international reputation."

Accès Recherche Montréal: the chosen proponent

Given that its submission conforms to the CHUM's needs and requirements, *Accès Recherche Montréal* will be responsible for the design and construction of the new research centre and for its maintenance over the next thirty years. This entirely new building will house administrative, teaching and research activities. Training and research activities will be concentrated in the Viger wing, including the Centre intégré d'enseignement et de formation (integrated teaching and training centre), clinical and basic research, and laboratories. The Saint-Antoine wing, mainly composed of office space, will house public health research, the executive offices of the CHUM and various administrative services.

Combining research and excellence

The CRCHUM, which currently employs over 1300 people working at six different sites, will unite students, post-doctoral fellows and administrative staff under the same roof, in the interest of better synergy. "With this announcement, the CHUM and its research centre mark a new chapter that will propel us toward summits of excellence unequalled to date," confirms Jacques Turgeon, Director of the CHUM Research Centre.

A winning combination

For Dr. Marie-Josée Dupuis, Director of Teaching at the CHUM, the construction of the new training centre provides a unique opportunity to establish new ways of doing things so as to better integrate safe care concepts in collaboration with teaching institutions. With its interdisciplinary simulation rooms, mannequins, simulators and training laboratories, the Centre intégré d'enseignement et de formation (integrated teaching and training centre) will make the CHUM a reference model for teaching.

On the ground

Construction crews will begin by clearing out the interior of the building on Viger Street, which will then be demolished. Over the summer months, cranes, backhoes and other heavy machinery will begin the assault on the block delimited by Viger, Saint-Denis and Saint-Antoine streets and the Ville-Marie highway access ramp. Work will take over three years to complete.

With respect to the university hospital complex, discussions are continuing with the consortiums to help them develop proposals in conformance with our requirements.

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