



CONSEIL DU PATRONAT DU QUEBEC

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Conseil du Patronat du Québec Pays Tribute to André Chagnon

MONTREAL, June 13 /CNW Telbec/ - Last night, the Conseil du patronat du Québec (CPQ) paid tribute to André Chagnon, President and Chairman of the Fondation Lucie et André Chagnon and Past Founding President and Chief Executive Officer of Groupe Vidéotron, with its Prix de carrière 2008, an award given for outstanding contributions to Quebec society.

"In addition to having built one of Canada's largest cable distribution companies, Mr. Chagnon has greatly contributed to the prevention of poverty and disease among children and their families. Today we recognize Mr. Chagnon's exceptional qualities as a businessman and philanthropist by presenting him with this award," stated CPQ chair John LeBoutillier.

This year marks the 26th edition of the award, presented at the CPQ's annual general meeting. Over the years, it has been presented to such people as Jean Coutu, Paul Desmarais Sr., Stephen Jarislowsky, Bernard Lemaire and Guy St-Pierre.

The CPQ's Club des entrepreneurs: two new members

Two new members have been named to the prestigious Club des entrepreneurs du CPQ: Glenn J. Chamandy, Co-Founder, President and CEO of Gildan Activewear Inc., and Kazimir Olechnowicz, Founder, President and CEO of CIMA +.

Gildan Activewear Inc. is a vertically integrated manufacturer, the main supplier for the wholesale imprinted sportswear market in the United States and Canada and a major supplier of this market in Europe. The company is also increasingly present in the retail sales market.

For its part, CIMA + ranks among the largest engineering consultant firms in Quebec and in North America.

Established in 1986, the raison d'être of the Club des entrepreneurs du CPQ is to publicly recognize the exceptional contribution of business people to the economic development of Quebec. To date, 63 personalities from the business milieu have been honoured by the CPQ in this manner.

The Conseil du patronat du Québec includes many of the province's largest companies as well as the vast majority of sector-based employers' associations, making it the sole employers' confederation in the province.

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