



GenomePrairie

News Release

New Appointment to Genome Prairie's Board of Directors, Terms Extended for Current Members

Saskatoon, SK – July 3, 2012 - Board Chair Arnold Naimark has announced the appointment of Susan Gorges to the Genome Prairie Board of Directors. The announcement was made recently at Genome Prairie's Annual Meeting of Members.

Susan Gorges is the Chief Executive Officer of Springboard West Innovations Inc. Previously, she was employed with the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, where she focused on innovations developed there. Gorges has experience as an executive with two different start-up companies in which both companies grew to become global operations with more than \$150 million in annual revenue. Gorges was an executive with a Boston based research and advisory company serving Information Technology executives in the consumer products, life sciences, manufacturing and retail sectors. Gorges is also the Vice-Chair for the Management Advisory Council of Innovation Place (Research Park, Regina, SK). She is active with Canada's Public Policy Forum plus serves on the Business Advisory Council for Canadian Light Source, and the Commercialization and Innovation Council within the Conference Board of Canada. Susan is involved with Enterprise Saskatchewan as a committee member of the Entrepreneurship Strategic Advisory Council and on the Science and Advanced Technology Sector team.

"The Board looks forward to benefiting from Susan's extensive experience with technology commercialization as we continue to guide scientific research toward economic and social benefits," said Arnold Naimark. "I welcome her most warmly as the newest board member of Genome Prairie."

In addition to the new appointment, Gerald Brown and Lyle Merrell have had their terms renewed for an additional three years. Arnold Naimark, Pierre Meulien, Digvir Jayas, David Gauthier, Grant Pierce, Kutty Kartha, John Cross and Ian Smith continue to serve as members of the Board of Directors.

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About Genome Prairie

Genome Prairie is the leading organization for support and management of large-scale genomics research projects in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. With its partners, Genome Prairie has supported more than \$197 million of research activity in plant, animal and human genomics, bioinformatics, instrumentation development and bioethics since its establishment in 2000.

Through network establishment and regional priority consultations, Genome Prairie works collaboratively with all levels of government, universities and industry as well as Genome Canada, a not-for-profit organization implementing a national strategy in genomics and related bioscience research to benefit all Canadians.

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