

**Montréal Nature Museums Foundation:  
\$125,000 Raised At a Colourful Celebration of Biodiversity!**

**Montréal, Tuesday, September 28, 2010** – On Thursday, September 23, the Montréal Nature Museums Foundation held its “*Nature au pluriel*” benefit evening. To mark the International Year of Biodiversity, the Foundation organized its event at the all-new Biodiversity Centre, a Université de Montréal initiative at the Montréal Botanical Garden. For the occasion, and to celebrate the beauties of biodiversity, an art exhibition was held in the Centre’s exhibition hall. Guests enjoyed a silent auction, a chance to visit the Botanical Garden greenhouses and a stroll through The Magic of Lanterns.

The evening’s patrons were Miguel Barrieras, Senior Vice-President & National Head of Business Banking and Head of Quebec at HSBC Bank Canada, and Hubert Reeves, astrophysicist and President of the Ligue pour la préservation de la faune sauvage (a wildlife protection organization). Nearly 400 nature-loving members of the Montréal business community took part in this colourful celebration of biodiversity.

Thanks to the popularity of the event, the art sale and many partnerships, the Foundation managed to raise \$125,000.

The Montréal Nature Museums Foundation thanks its many partners, including HSBC Bank Canada and Hydro-Québec, its two main partners for the event. It also thanks its other partners: Biothermica, Desjardins Business Centres – Eastern Montréal, the Ministère du Développement durable, de l’Environnement et des Parcs, Osisko, Provencher Roy et associés architectes, Rio Tinto Alcan, Sanexen, SCP Environnement, Seneca, Telus and Voith.

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