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Vanier College's Gilbert Héroux named President of the *Délégation collégiale* of PERFORMA

Vanier College is pleased to announce that Gilbert Héroux, Director General of the College, has been elected President of the *Délégation collégiale* of PERFORMA, a professional development program for Cégep teachers and other pedagogical personnel that is a cooperative venture of the Québec Ministry of Education, Sport and Leisure, the University of Sherbrooke and the local colleges. His election took place at the fall meeting of the Directors General Forum that was held in Rimouski on September 20, 2007. As President of the *Délégation collégiale* Gilbert Héroux will also sit on the *Comité mixte* of PERFORMA.

Created in 1973, and administered by the University of Sherbrooke, PERFORMA is an acronym for *Perfectionnement et formation des maîtres au collégial*. One program offered by PERFORMA is the Master Teacher Program, designed by the Consortium of Anglophone Colleges (Champlain-Saint-Lambert, Dawson, John Abbott and Vanier). The MTP is a graduate level program leading to a Master in Education degree accredited by the University of Sherbrooke.

"I accepted this position because I believe in professional development," indicates Gilbert Héroux. "I see colleges as having two principal resources: facilities and human resources. Just as we must invest in educational infrastructure, we must also invest in our professional personnel, in particular in our teachers who are on the frontline of education. We must do all we can to support them and give them tools for their professional development and to allow them to realize and see that they are part of a college system."

In addition to professional development, PERFORMA also supports research projects aimed at improving pedagogical tools and knowledge. "I think it's important that the English Cégeps be visible and well represented in educational organizations such as PERFORMA," says Gilbert Héroux. "The advantage for Vanier is that we can be involved in an activity that is fundamental to education and we can bring Vanier's views and perspectives to the table. Furthermore, Vanier will also have better access to information."

With Gilbert Héroux as President of the *Délégation collégiale* of PERFORMA, Vanier College will also be responsible for managing the PERFORMA budget.

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