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## **Canadian Dental Regulatory Authorities Federation Announces New Executive Director**

President of the Canadian Dental Regulatory Authorities Federation (CDRAF) Dr. Brian Rinehart of Fredericton, New Brunswick is pleased to announce the appointment of Diane Legault as the new CDRAF Executive Director, effective January 4, 2016.

“The Board is delighted to have Dr. Legault join us. These are challenging times for health care regulators as we deal with a number of complex issues, from labour mobility to fair registration practices,” said Dr. Rinehart.

Dr. Legault replaces Irwin Fefergrad, Registrar of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario, who also served as CDRAF Executive Director since its inception in 2004.

Dr. Legault comes to CDRAF with a wealth of relevant experience. After nearly 20 years as a practising dentist in Quebec, she received a Master’s in Business Administration in 1995 from the University of Sherbrooke. She then moved to Ordre des dentistes du Québec as Director of Professional Services and then Executive Director and Secretary. The Ordre is the regulator of the dental profession in Quebec.

In 2003, Dr. Legault was elected as a member of the Quebec National Assembly and served until 2007. During that time she undertook a number of senior responsibilities, including acting as parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Health and Social Services.

For the next five years, from 2006 to 2011, Dr. Legault was president of Ordre des dentistes du Québec. She has also acted as a guest professor at Laval University’s Faculty of Dentistry from 2013-2015.

Since 2014, Dr. Legault has served as President of the Quebec Interprofessional Council (Conseil interprofessionnel du Québec – CIQ), the voice of Québec’s 46 professional orders with nearly 400,000 members.

CDRAF is the national forum and collective voice of provincial and territorial dental regulatory authorities on regulatory matters. The Federation is the only organization that speaks for the over 18,000 dentists in Canada on professional regulatory issues related to the practice of dentistry.

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