



Biographical notes

Jean-Marc Chouinard

President

Holder of a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's degree in urban planning, Jean-Marc Chouinard has been closely involved in the development of the Lucie and André Chagnon Foundation since its beginnings in 2001. He is currently President of the Foundation.

As President, Mr. Chouinard guides the strategic direction of the organization. Motivated by a constant desire to pool ideas and expertise, he proposes development priorities and philanthropic goals, brings together the winning conditions that will help ensure the success of the Foundation's projects, and establishes and maintains strong lasting relationships with partners, institutions and the various organizations involved in areas related to the Foundation's mission.

Jean-Marc Chouinard plays an active role in several collaborative efforts (*Groupe d'action sur la persévérance et la réussite scolaires du Québec* [Quebec action group for student retention and educational success], *Collectif des fondations québécoises contre les inégalités*, and Funders Working Group on Early Childhood Development), and acts as consultant for a number of organizations.

Alongside his work for the Foundation, Mr. Chouinard is involved in many causes dedicated to the betterment of Quebec society. In 2013, he was awarded the Frederick Todd Award by the *Association des architectes paysagistes du Québec* for his outstanding contribution to the advancement of landscaping architecture, and in 2014, he was appointed to the *Conseil supérieur de l'éducation du Québec*. He also serves as a director of several non-profit organizations at both the local and provincial level.

Jean-Marc Chouinard is an accomplished athlete who enjoyed a brilliant career in fencing at both the national and international levels. He is a 10-time Canadian champion, Commonwealth champion (1986 and 1990), Pan-American champion (1983), junior world vice-champion (1983), and university world vice-champion (1987). He also participated in several Olympic Games (Los Angeles, Seoul, Barcelona and Atlanta). For some ten years, he ranked among the top eight world champions. His athletic achievements have earned him great distinction in both Quebec and Canada.

He was twice named *Personnalité de la semaine* by the newspaper *La Presse*, three times Canadian Athlete of the Month, eight times *Athlète par excellence* by the Quebec Fencing Federation, and finally *Athlète par excellence au Québec*. He has been inducted into the Quebec Fencing Federation Hall of Fame as well as the Quebec Sports Hall of Fame.

Jean-Marc Chouinard continues to be dedicated to sports and athletics. He co-chaired the *Groupe de travail sur le financement des fédérations sportives québécoises* set up by the *Ministre de l'Éducation, du Sport et du Loisir* before chairing the Governance Committee for the *Placements Sports* program. Finally, he was an analyst for Radio-Canada during the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008, and a board member of the *Régie des installations olympiques* (RIO) from 1995 to 1999.