



Members' Guide to the Quebec Centre for Biodiversity Science (QCBS)

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Welcome to the Quebec Centre for Biodiversity Science (QCBS)!

As a member, you are part of a unique network of researchers, students, and professionals working together to advance biodiversity science in Quebec and beyond. Our mission is **to foster scientific excellence, stimulate interdisciplinary collaborations, and translate research into concrete actions** for the conservation and sustainable management of biodiversity.

Your membership gives you access to **exclusive opportunities**: funding for your projects, specialized training (including R workshops), networking events, symposia, and international collaborations.

We encourage you to **get actively involved**: share your ideas, participate in activities, and contribute to the growth of a dynamic and inclusive community, united by the desire to address the environmental challenges of the 21st century.

Research axes

The QCBS research axes and themes provide a network structure that links clusters of researchers around **four interconnected axes representing active areas of research in biodiversity science and monitoring**. Within each research axis are three to four research themes. Each axis has two scientific coordinators. These researcher clusters **facilitate collaboration and training**.

Axis 1: Observing and monitoring biodiversity

Axis 2: Detecting changes in biodiversity

Axis 3: Predicting changes in biodiversity

Axis 4: Improving the societal relevance of biodiversity projections

Our network

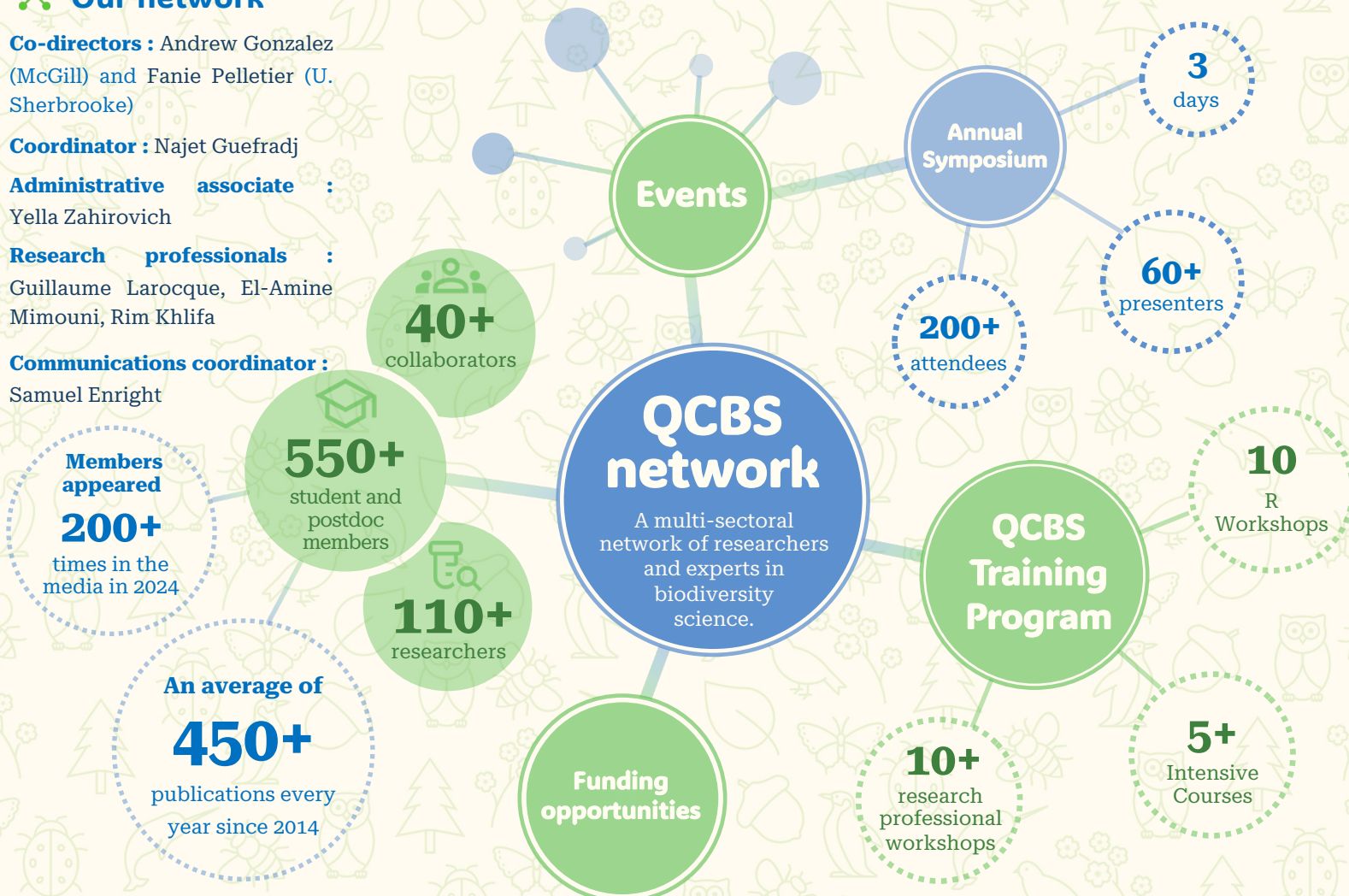
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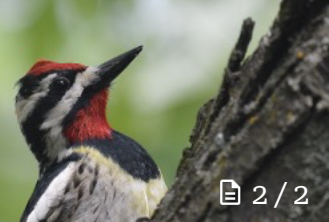
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Resources for QCBS members

	Type	Objectives	Amount & Deadlines
Researchers	Hubs of expertise : Fund to support the creation of expertise hubs and improve access for QCBS members and partners.	- Build research teams aligned with QCBS 2.0 priorities - Share expertise, infrastructures, and equipment - Provide a stimulating training environment for students and postdocs	Five hubs are funded actively. Members may contact the QCBS if a new opportunity arises outside of the funding cycle.
	Knowledge-to-action working groups : Support new collaborative research and transfer of knowledge from basic research to end users.	- Generate new research from partner collaborations requiring sustained expertise and new tools/methods Train highly qualified personnel in user-driven biodiversity research	Amount : up to \$20,000 per group per year (two years max.).
Students & Postdocs	Travel Grant Award : for QCBS graduate students or postdocs	Fund to ensure the participation of students and postdocs in the annual symposium.	Up to \$400 For each annual symposium
	QCBS Excellence Award : for QCBS graduate students or postdocs	Conference, workshops and internships (field and lab)	Between \$500 and \$2000 January 31, April 30 & September 30
	QCBS Biodiversity Science Discovery Awards : for undergraduate students	Internship with a QCBS member	Maximum \$1500 March 15
	QCBS Intensive Courses Awards : for QCBS graduate students	Intensive course and summer schools organized by QCBS coresearchers	Up to 50% of the non-tuition fees No deadline
	Learning development award : for a group of QCBS students	Learning clubs and user groups	Maximum \$500 No deadline

How to Contribute & What's Expected of You

By being a member of the QCBS, you're joining a scientific and collaborative community. You can :

- * **Propose a workshop or a symposium** : Share your knowledge (e.g., R, analysis, field methods) and receive a Learning Development Award (for student members).
- * **Participate or help organize events** : Attend the annual QCBS symposium, R workshops and symposium, our QCBS intensive course and many more ... to learn, teach, connect and grow your network.
- * **Collaborate to the research** : Join K2A and hubs of expertise and contribute to publications, tools, and interdisciplinary projects.
- * **Share your results** : Contact us to share your work on the [Beagle](#) or on the newsletter.
- * **Be part of the community** : Participate on the general assemblies, committees, and strategic decisions.

Tools & Resources

- * **The QCBS website** ([qcbs.ca](#)) is a comprehensive source of information about research projects, funding and training opportunities, the members, and relevant news.
- * **The QCBS monthly newsletter** ([qcbs.ca/qcbs-newsletter](#)) provides information about research, funding and training opportunities, events of interest, and happenings in the QCBS network and beyond.
- * **Le Beagle** is the QCBS blog ([lebeagle.qcbs.ca](#)) on all topics related to biodiversity science. Contributions from QCBS members are welcome either in English or in French.
- * **The QCBS wiki** ([qcbs.ca/wiki](#)) is a resource that provides a wealth of information on topics as varied as molecular biology methods, DNA collection, R programming, GIS, etc.
- * **The statutes of the QCBS** ([qcbs.ca/governance](#)) provide an in-depth view of QCBS' vision, internal structure, and scientific community.

Contact Us

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