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EURÊKA! FESTIVAL THE 19th EDITION WINS THE GOLD

The Eurêka! Festival attracted nearly 44,000 festivalgoers for a sizzling exploration of science and sports at Parc Jean-Drapeau!

MONTREAL, June 9, 2026 – L'île du savoir and Espace pour la vie are delighted at the success of the Eurêka! Festival's 19th edition, rallying close to 44,000 visitors, big and small, under the banner of **SCIENCE IN MOTION**, despite occasionally capricious weather throughout the three-day event. This powerhouse of activities and festivities culminated on Sunday night at Parc Jean-Drapeau and the Biosphère. Event organizers and partners are positively thrilled at having brought so many people together to engage in a marvellous mix of sports and science.

Thanks to nearly 150 free, participative activities, curious and science-minded audiences of all ages got an opportunity to meet with highly dedicated scientists, athletes, and specialists and discover the fascinating links between sports, innovation, and cutting-edge science.

Visitors tested their balance and analyzed their reflexes, explored new tech athletes are using and discovered the secrets of human performance, and learned how biomechanics, nutrition, robotics, and artificial intelligence work together... continuing in the Festival's tradition of offering audiences of all kinds a unique and immersive experience, diving head first into experiential and accessible activities, all filled with fun, while engaging with a kaleidoscope of different scientific fields.

From health, neuroscience, environmental science, and nutrition... to engineering, math, aerospace, and physics... not to mention kinesiology, sports tech, biomimetics, and AI... young visitors and their families explored a full array of science by getting hands-on with tech, meeting face-to-face with highly engaged experts, and exploring how science helps us push the boundaries and achieve new heights. Thanks to innumerable interactive demos, participative experiences, and exciting encounters, the Festival surprised, inspired, and stirred the scientific curiosity of visitors young and old.

"The 19th edition of the Eurêka! Festival was a splendid reflection of its mission to make science accessible by bringing people together and bringing science to life. Using sports as a window into science, our goal was to show young people how science is positively everywhere and how peak athletic performance and scientific innovation are both fuelled by curiosity, perseverance, and ingenuity." — Hussein Suprême, President, L'île du savoir Board of Directors



Highlights:

- Nearly 44,000 visitors over three days.
- Close to 150 free, participative, scientific activities.
- An Open House at the Biosphère featuring exhibits, family activities, and a breathtaking view from the Belvédère
- Over 200 participating scientists and experts representing diverse fields of science, technology, innovation, and education.
- A total of 6,000 students, teachers, and chaperones visiting the Festival as a school outing.
- Six thematic festival zones: Energy, Aero, Innovation, Ingenuity, Human, and the ECOzone.
- Dozens of talks, shows, and scientific workshops for visitors to get up close and personal with science.
- The show **KING OF THE MOGULS!** featuring Olympic champion Mikaël Kingsbury, chemist Yannick Bergeron, and physicist Stéphanie Jolicœur.
- A MUSICAL CHAIR COMPETITION hosted by Télé-Québec's Vikie Pedneault.
- Unforgettable encounters with athletes Antoine Duchesne, Marion Thénault, Cindy Ouellet, and Antonio Ribeiro.
- ...just to name a few!

Tremendous Teamwork Helping Us Cross the Finish Line

Putting on free, local festivals is an ever-greater challenge today, namely due to the increasing costs of production, logistics, and labour, so Eurêka! Festival organizers want to extend their utmost thanks to every partner, every sponsor, and every supplier, activity leader, and volunteer who helped make this 19th edition such a resounding success. And of course, a great many thanks to each and every festivalgoer who came and took part in all the fun.

Produced and organized by **L'île du savoir** in collaboration with **Espace pour la vie**, the 19th edition of the **Eurêka! Festival** would not have been possible without the support of its presenting partner **Hydro-Québec** and the support of its other partners and sponsors: **Bombardier**, Aero Zone partner; **Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec**, Ingenuity Zone partner; **Fonds de recherche du Québec**, Central Stage sponsor; **Tourisme Montréal** and **Télé-Québec**, the Festival's media partner.

We would also like to thank the **Government of Canada** and its Sustainable Development Goals Funding Program which allowed us to present the ECOzone, an immersive space dedicated to exploring environmental issues and sustainable solutions.

We also extend warm thanks to **RECYC-QUÉBEC**, this edition's environmental ally, and to **Société du parc Jean-Drapeau**, the Festival site's host.

The Eurêka! Festival was also produced in partnership with the **Ville de Montréal** and the **Government of Québec**. Their support enables L'île du savoir to present a major, quality, local Montréal science

festival experience on an ongoing basis at no cost to the public and uniquely feature local institutions, businesses, and organizations promoting scientific culture.

L'île du savoir also thanks all its associated partners **Air Canada, Cascades, CGI, Conseil de l'innovation du Québec, Co-operators, Desjardins (Caisse du Centre-Ville-de-Montréal), Génome Québec, Luqia, and Rolls-Royce Canada.**

Last but not least, the Eurêka! Festival's team is grateful for the contributions of each of its higher education partners : **acceSciences, École de technologie supérieure, Institut national de la recherche scientifique, Polytechnique Montréal, Concordia University, Université de Montréal and Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières.**

This initiative also receives funding support from **Fondation J.A. DeSève, Or Royalties Inc., The Rossy Foundation,** and other generous donors.

Join us in 2027 when the Eurêka! Festival presents its special anniversary edition to celebrate 20 years of science and shared wonder and experiences!

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L'ÎLE DU SAVOIR

Using a blend of science, technology and the arts, L'île du savoir creates engaging, interactive, edutainment experiences designed to awaken the curiosity of young people and communities. It also promotes emerging, innovative, next-generation talent in the many fields of science.

FESTIVAL EURÊKA!

Eurêka! is Québec's biggest science festival, each year attracting audiences of all ages from science enthusiasts to the curious-minded. Its program features three days of fun and scientific discovery and a host of FREE interactive activities. This superb adventure that began in 2007 has now engaged more than 1.2 million enthusiastic visitors, including 70,000 students, in this wonderful celebration of science.

ESPACE POUR LA VIE

Protecting biodiversity and the environment is at the heart of the mission of Espace pour la vie, which is made up of the Biodôme, Biosphère, Insectarium, Jardin botanique and Planétarium de Montréal. Together, these museums located in Montréal form Canada's largest natural science museum complex, welcoming over 2.5 million visitors each year. In view of the challenges our planet is facing, Espace pour la vie is working to increase its impact by fostering dialogue with communities and taking actions aimed at mobilizing the public behind the socio-ecological transition.

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