



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **A researcher at the Montreal Heart Institute receives a prestigious award from the Department of Education of the People's Republic of China**

**Montreal, January 16, 2009-** The Montreal Heart Institute (MHI) is proud to announce that Mr. Zhiguo Wang, PhD, a researcher at the MHI Research Centre, was recently awarded the prestigious *Chang Jiang Scholar Endowed Chair Award* by the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China. Honours seldom coming alone, he was also given the *Long Jiang Scholar Endowed Chair Award* attributed by the Provincial Education Committee of Heilongjiang province.

These two distinctions are presented annually to scientists and academics in China or abroad to recognize their contribution in various fields of research. The candidates who are the recipients must have an outstanding research résumé and be known internationally in their field. Zhiguo Wang received these prizes in recognition of his research work on cardiovascular disease.

Mr. Wang directs a team of researchers working in the area of cardiac arrhythmias, an important cause of morbidity. His research work focuses more specifically on the molecular mechanisms involved in arrhythmias. He has written or contributed to over 250 articles and abstracts published in scientific journals, among them *Nature Medicine*, *Circulation*, *Circulation Research*, the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*, and the *Journal of Biological Chemistry*. Zhiguo Wang has also been a guest speaker at some 44 symposiums in Canada and abroad.

#### **About the Montreal Heart Institute**

Founded in 1954 by Dr. Paul David, the Montreal Heart Institute constantly aims for the highest standards of excellence in the cardiovascular field through its leadership in prevention, ultra-specialized care, training of professionals, clinical and fundamental research, and assessment of new technologies. It is affiliated with the Université de Montréal and its clinical outcomes are among the best in the world. To learn more about the Institute, please visit our website at [www.icm-mhi.org](http://www.icm-mhi.org).

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