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Louise Dumouchel

Retired Biologist

Gatineau, QC

A graduate of the University of Ottawa in Biology, Louise Dumouchel worked in entomology for the federal government. For twenty years, she worked at the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada as a research assistant, providing her with an opportunity to contribute as a co-author to the writing of articles and scientific literature. She was given responsibility for the conservation of the Canadian national collection of Apoids in the early 1980s, enabling her to acquire a unique expertise in identifying solitary bees and bumblebees.

In 1998, Louise joined the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) in plant protection. She works as a senior risk assessor for invasive alien insects until her retirement in the summer of 2015. During these years, she focuses her attention primarily on insects that are harmful to trees and forests, although she is often called upon to treat various horticultural and agricultural pests. Her duties include joining various committees and taking part in various professional activities, both nationally and internationally. She participates in numerous meetings and conferences as a CFIA representative, which gives her the opportunity to travel frequently, especially in North America, but also overseas.

In her spare time, Louise devotes herself to instrumental music, geocaching and the practice of a variety of sports and outdoor activities. She dedicates her annual vacation to travel, traveling across Canada and the United States with her husband and visiting more than 15 countries around the world on five continents. A lover of nature since childhood, she loves to garden and will continue in spring a project begun last year: landscaping of her new home.