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Louise Dumouchel

Retired Biologist

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Louise Dumouchel obtained her degree in biology from the University of Ottawa before pursuing a career in entomology with the federal government. She was employed as a research assistant for approximately 20 years at the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, co-authoring several scientific publications during that period. In the early 1980s, she was given the responsibility for the curation of the Canadian national collection of Apoids, 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 worked as a senior risk assessor for invasive alien insects until her retirement in the summer of 2015. During these years, she focused her attention primarily on tree and forest pests, although she was often called upon to study various horticultural and agricultural pests. Louise was also involved in various committee work and other professional activities at both national and international levels. She participated in numerous meetings and conferences as a CFIA representative, giving her the opportunity to travel frequently, mostly 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 invariably dedicates her annual vacations to voyages, having travelled with her husband across Canada and the United States as well as in more than 15 countries around the world on five continents. A lover of nature since childhood, she takes pleasure in gardening and will continue in spring a project begun last year: landscaping of her new home.