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Marylaine de Chantal holds a bachelor's degree in agronomy (1987) in plant biology with a degree in floriculture (1990) from Laval University. She has 30 years of experience in ornamental horticulture and has been a member of the Quebec Order of Agronomists since 1987.

After completing her studies, she joined the research department of Premier Tech Biotechnologies in Rivière-du-Loup from 1990 to 1996. As a project manager, she developed peat-based growing substrates for horticultural professionals. She was responsible for the development of value-added products and her work lead to her involvement in product marketing and technical support in Canada and the United States.

Ms. de Chantal has worked at the Quebec Institute for Ornamental Horticulture Development (IQDHO) since 1996. For the past 21 years, she has been an advisor, R & D specialist and now a project coordinator. In particular, she set up a technology watch, an international network of experts and developed tools for consulting services. She has produced various research papers including the development of standards in ornamental horticulture and the phytosanitary assessment of the urban green spaces in Montreal. She has participated in the organization of major events such as the Floralies Internationales de Québec and the Mosaïcultures Internationales de Montréal.

Since 2004 and still today, she coordinates IQDHO advisor team in the realization of projects and special mandates while participating actively in several of them. In addition to coordinating technical activities adapted to the sector such as workshops and study tours, she provides training on various subjects across Quebec.

From 2006 to 2008, the IQDHO was an official classifier of the 1st edition of the Fleurons du Québec program. Ms. de Chantal was a classifier for 3 years and also coordinated the team of classifiers. She participated in the improvement of the evaluation grid and trained the classifiers of the following editions.