A testimony from Florent Paquet

During a gathering held in Paris in 2004, several Université Laval graduates, men and women who hold significant positions in French companies or international firms located in France, expressed their attachment to their alma mater, as well as their desire to participate inUniversité Laval development projects. As a result, the Cercle international Rouge et Or was founded in 2005 in Paris in order to bring graduates closer to their university and to facilitate networking among them. Since that time, the graduates who have joined the Cercle are members with exceptional professional baggage who have made an outstanding contribution to society. The future appears to be very promising indeed, and Université Laval will continue to be the major motivating factor for the commitment made by the members of the Cercle international Rouge et Or.

Florent Paquet  
Administrator (Chemistry 1968)

Université Laval in 2010

- 240,500 graduates
- 17 faculties and 395 programs at the undergraduate levels
- Some 45,000 students from 110 countries
- 570 partnership agreements with universities in over 65 countries
- Some 800 students studying abroad each and every year
- 13 percent of all graduates with international study or internship experience
- $278 million in research funds, three Networks of Centres of Excellence of Canada and a great many windows of excellence

To learn more about the Cercle international Rouge et Or please go to ulaval.ca/cercleinternational
Université Laval’s Cercle international Rouge et Or is a group of university graduates who hold important positions all over the world. Through their expertise, knowledge and successful endeavours, 60 or so of its members are raising the profile of their prestigious alma mater in various countries, including France, Italy, Great Britain, the United States, Switzerland and Kuwait. These leaders take an active part in the Cercle so as to encourage and support the development of Université Laval and to become front-line ambassadors for North America’s first Francophone university. The Cercle international Rouge et Or has set its sights higher than ever before as it seeks to increase its membership and pursue its own chosen mission: to make Université Laval influential and famous the world over.

Denis Brièrè, Rector

Opening to the world

The Cercle international Rouge et Or offers an exceptional window on the world for the entire university community by meeting the following objectives:

- offering internships, conferences and meetings with distinguished professors in response to the specific needs of Université Laval, its Foundation and students; and
- promoting networking among graduates who hold key positions, both on the national and international levels.

Getting closer to our own people

More than anything else, the Cercle international Rouge et Or provides a golden opportunity to help spread the word about Université Laval and all those who are involved in it. The main elements of the Cercle’s mission are to

- increase the influence of the University and its graduates and raise their profile all over the world;
- promote the Cercle and participate in recruiting new members;
- work with the Université Laval employment office in setting up international internships for Université Laval students; and
- provide assistance during the Université Laval fund-raising campaigns.