

Dear NHPRS Members,

The Board of Directors of the NHPRS of Canada wishes to acknowledge the recent events in Quebec City, Quebec. Our thoughts are with the families and friends of the victims of the tragic shooting that took place January 29, 2017, at a Quebec City mosque. We are deeply saddened by this news, and by the loss of our colleague, Dr. Khaled Belkacemi, from the Institute of Nutrition and Functional Foods (INAF).

Dr. Belkacemi was also a professor at Université Laval, with research priorities focused on novel technologies to improve nutritional and techno-functional qualities of fats and other food products. His research in nanotechnologies/nanoscience was centered on the use of heterogenous catalysis to benefit food and nutraceutical transformations.

In the light of this senseless tragedy, the NHPRS Board of Directors wishes to reaffirm our Society's founding principles of diversity and respect. We wish to honour our colleague, and his significant contributions to the field of health product research in Canada.

Sincerely, the NHPRS Communications Committee  
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