



## *For Immediate Release*

### **FoodChek Laboratories Inc. Announces Scientific Vice President Appointments**

**Calgary, Alberta, Canada – October 12, 2018** – FoodChek Systems Inc. (“FoodChek™” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce its wholly owned subsidiary, FoodChek Laboratories Inc. (the “Lab”) of Ste.-Hyacinthe, Quebec has appointed its three senior research scientists to Vice President status. These promotions are strategic for the Lab to maintain its world class scientific foundation and continue the high level of growth and expertise requirements necessary to meet its goal of becoming the global leader in the enrichment media phase of Food Safety pathogen testing.

Melissa Buzinhani, PhD has been promoted from Senior Laboratory Manager to Vice President, Laboratory Operations. Melissa has been with the Lab for six years, managing stakeholders and contributing to Project Research. Dr. Buzinhani will immediately take over important new responsibilities related to the Lab’s operations and research capability in Quebec and abroad. Dr. Buzinhani attended the University Sao Paulo, Brazil after receiving her Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Medicine and eventually her PhD. She joined the Lab after a Microbiology Research and University teaching career. During her tenure at the Lab, Dr. Buzinhani has implemented processes which have significantly improved the efficiency in operations, including the effective administration of projects and human resource programs where she has been recognized numerous times for outstanding achievement.

Sergiy Olishevskyy, PhD has been promoted from Senior Scientific Project Manager to Vice President, Research and Development. Dr. Olishevskyy has been with the Lab for six years and has been instrumental in leading key development projects and successfully recruiting accredited researchers necessary for advancing our leading and patented Actero™ ELITE Enrichment Media brand of products on the world stage. Dr. Olishevskyy has a PhD in Oncology from the Institute of Experimental Pathology, Oncology and Radiobiology, National Academy of Sciences (NAS) of Ukraine. Sergiy joined the Lab in 2012 after progressive Senior Research roles in the Ukraine. During his tenure at the Lab, Dr. Olishevskyy has designed and implemented agile R&D plans to service customer driven food testing industry needs. He has frequently been recognized by FoodChek™ and industry peers for his outstanding technical achievement, collaborative management, coaching, and leadership style.

FoodChek™ is also pleased to announce the promotion of Renaud Tremblay, MSc from Quality Control Supervisor and Senior Associate, Regulatory Affairs to Vice President, Quality and Regulatory Affairs. Mr. Tremblay has been with the Lab for over seven years and has led important areas of Quality Control, international regulatory certifications and related compliance. Renaud is also a key part of the collaboration team dealing with various crucial research and development projects. During his tenure at the Lab, Mr. Tremblay has implemented protocols which have greatly improved the quality controls systems and working relations with customers, the supply chain and regulatory bodies.

Dr. Michael Giuffre, Chairman of the Board of Directors of FoodChek™ and President of the Lab added: “The Board of Directors is highly appreciative of the many important technical milestones that have been achieved by our Science team over the last several years under the leadership of Melissa, Renaud and Sergiy. We look forward to an exciting stage of growth for our IP Actero™ Media brand through their leadership in their respective expanded Executive positions. We wish them great success in their key roles.”

William J. Hogan, President and CEO of FoodChek™ stated: We are very excited and proud to have such an outstanding group of scientists accept the challenge of advancing our leading and patented brand, Actero™ ELITE Enrichment Media throughout the world. This is especially so as FoodChek™ enters into



a new era as a complete *Closed Loop System* enrichment media company, which includes R&D, new IP products, QC, and areas of manufacturing. Having such high level research scientists allows FoodChek™ to deliver a *Total Innovative Media Solution* to our entire Food Safety product manufacturing customers together with their global end-user food processing clientele. Congratulations to Melissa, Sergiy and Renaud.”

**About FoodChek:**

FoodChek specializes in the development and commercialization of proprietary, rapid, accurate and cost-effective food safety products for the detection of foodborne and environmental pathogens and other microorganisms throughout the human and pet food production chains. FoodChek’s industry-leading and proprietary Actero™ Elite Enrichment Media is the leading recovery process of stressed organisms in the sample enrichment media phase for the detection of *Listeria* spp., *Listeria monocytogenes*, and *Salmonella* spp.

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