

**Media outreach
Interview opportunity**

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Montreal on the occasion of the Saint-Laurent Forum**

Montreal, May 10th 2017 – Handicap International Canada invites the media to meet Jean-Baptiste Richardier at the Centre for Sustainable Development on May 18th. The co-founder of Handicap International and administrator of the Humanitarian Alternatives magazine will be a guest-speaker the next day at the Saint-Laurent Forum, a must-attend event devoted to the distribution of Francophone expertise on the major issues regarding international security. Actor Anthony Lemke, the organization's spokesperson in Canada, will also be available to meet with the media.

Jean-Baptiste Richardier

Dr. Jean-Baptiste Richardier co-founded Handicap International in 1982, in the Cambodian refugee camps on the Thai border, by making bamboo prostheses for victims of landmines. A willful humanitarian, he was a major actor in the discussions that led to the signing by 131 states of the Treaty of Ottawa in 1997 that prohibits the acquisition, production, stockpiling and use of anti-personnel mines. Handicap International was co-winner of the Nobel Peace Prize that same year for its decisive action in the fight against landmines. In 2015, Dr. Richardier participated in the creation of Humanitarian Alternatives, a project sponsored by the Action against Hunger Foundation, the French Red Cross Fund, The France Foundation, the Handicap International Foundation and the Mérieux Foundation.

Anthony Lemke

Ambassador for Handicap International Canada since November 2015, actor Anthony Lemke is in charge of drawing the attention of Canadians to the efforts and goals pursued by the organization throughout the world. For more than fifteen years, Anthony Lemke has been a prominent player in the television and the big-screen industry in Canada. Currently, the actor plays a leading role - renewed for a third season - in SYFY's hit series *Dark Matter*, broadcast on Space TV in Canada and distributed in 83 regions around the world, including France, Italy, England and Germany. Other prominent roles include the sergeant detective Brian Becker in *The Listener* (CTV) and his two-year role in drama series *19-2* (Bravo), which was rewarded with numerous awards. In Quebec, he made a noteworthy passage in *Les hauts et les bas de Sophie Paquin*, embodying David. He was also in the distribution of the second season of *Mirador, Mémoires vives* and *30 vies* (Radio Canada). Anthony Lemke holds a dual degree from McGill University, in civil law and common law.

For more information on Handicap International: www.handicap-international.ca

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