

## Reno Pontarollo, PhD, MBA



Reno Pontarollo assumed the role of President and CEO of Genome Prairie on April 1, 2013 after serving as the organization's Chief Scientific Officer for seven years. In his current role he is responsible for the overall corporate strategy and vision of the organization. He has a successful track record in government relations, international partnerships, and developing largescale applied research and development and commercialization projects.

As the CSO of Genome Prairie, Dr. Pontarollo was responsible for oversight of all Genome Prairie-led and supported projects. This included the University of Saskatchewan's (U of S) "Canadian Triticum Advancement through Genomics" (CTAG) project which is Canada's representative in the International Wheat Genome Sequencing Consortium and the "Prairie Gold" project which is focused on developing dedicated oilseed crops for industrial applications like biofuels and bio-lubricants.

Prior to joining Genome Prairie, Dr. Pontarollo held positions at Pyxis Genomics and the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization (VIDO) in Saskatoon, and the Defense Research Establishment Suffield near Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Dr. Pontarollo's background in agriculture, genomics, and immunology along with his executive experience has helped to establish Genome Prairie in the Saskatchewan and Manitoba research communities.

Dr. Pontarollo is an adjunct professor with the Department of Animal and Poultry Science at the U of S.

