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**The Fields Institute for Research in Mathematical Sciences calls for nominations for the 2015 Margaret Sinclair Memorial Award**

*Recognizing Innovation and Excellence in Mathematics Education*

**The Margaret Sinclair Memorial Award** recognizes an educator in Canada who has demonstrated innovation and excellence in promoting mathematics education at the elementary, secondary, college or university level. This annual award comprises a \$5000 prize and inscription of the winner's name on a plaque to be installed at the Fields Institute.

Each year a candidate is selected from a group of individuals that have shown great enthusiasm for enhancing the learning environment and displaying novel ways of teaching mathematics. Every candidate must have served as a role model for other teachers and had an inspirational influence on students and/or colleagues. As with every award of this type, there are many individuals who are deserving of recognition, but there can only be one winner.

**General Submission Guidelines:**

Candidates for the award may nominate themselves or be nominated by others. A complete nomination package consists of:

- A nomination letter of no more than 1000 words demonstrating alignment with The Margaret Sinclair Memorial Award
- A recent curriculum vitae
- Three (3) letters from arm's length referees

Nominations for the 2015 Margaret Sinclair Memorial Award must be received electronically by the Fields Institute by December 15, 2014. Send to [deputydirector@fields.utoronto.ca](mailto:deputydirector@fields.utoronto.ca).

Nominations for the Margaret Sinclair Award will be kept under consideration for two additional years following the initial submission.

Announcement of the recipient will be made in February, 2015 and the award will be presented at the Fields Institute Annual General Meeting. Within six (6) months of accepting this award, the winner is expected to present a talk at the Fields Institute.

Organizing Committee: Matheus Grasselli, Gila Hanna, Franke James, Donna Kotsopoulos, Dragana Martinovic, Larry Sinclair, Walter Whiteley (chair)

**About Margaret Sinclair:** Margaret Sinclair passed away on her 62nd birthday, February 21, 2012 after a brave struggle with a rare form of cancer. Until then she was a tenured professor in the Faculty of Education, Graduate Program in Education, York University. During her remarkable career she taught at the elementary, secondary and university level. A vibrant and creative woman, Margaret followed an untraditional path to her impressive accomplishments in life. While raising five children, Margaret earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the



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University of Waterloo, and a master's degree in the Mathematics for Teachers program from York University. In 2001, at age 51, while still a mathematics department head and then a vice-principal, Margaret completed her PhD in education at the University of Toronto.

Although she was driven by mathematics, Margaret's passion was learning and sharing her knowledge and expertise with others through teaching, research and writing. She loved educating prospective teachers, using innovative ways to inspire them and their students.

Margaret Sinclair was posthumously inducted as a Fields Institute Fellow in June 2012.