

## THE CRM RECEIVES A MAJOR GRANT FROM THE SIMONS FOUNDATION

**Montréal, March 27, 2017.** - The Simons Foundation has awarded the Centre de Recherches Mathématiques (CRM) a grant of \$976,320 (USD) for five years to develop a Simons CRM Scholar program.

The mission of the US-based Simons Foundation is to advance the frontiers of research in mathematics and the basic sciences. It aims to support discovery-driven scientific research undertaken in pursuit of understanding the phenomena of our world.

Founded in 1968 and located in Montréal, Québec, the Centre de Recherches Mathématiques, known internationally under its acronym CRM, is the oldest institute for mathematical research in Canada. Its mission is to foster discovery and training across a broad section of the mathematical sciences. It is also involved in outreach activities with industry, schools and the public in general. It is one of the rare organizations for research in the mathematical sciences that has the dual feature of being a residential center and a visitors' institute. The CRM comprises 13 multi-university laboratories hosting hundreds of researchers working in various areas of pure and applied mathematics, statistics, computer science, mathematical biology and theoretical physics; it also runs Thematic Semesters, Summer Schools and other activities that attract more than two thousand visitors from around the world every year.

This grant was awarded by the Simons Foundation as part of its Targeted Grants to Institutes program. The program is intended to support established institutes or centers in the mathematical and physical sciences, through funding to strengthen contacts within the international scientific community. The Simons Foundation offers only three such awards annually, and as a recipient, the CRM joins the elite group of institutes that have been supported by this program since 2011.

**Luc Vinet**, CRM Director and Aisenstadt Professor at the Université de Montréal, said: "The CRM is extremely grateful to the Simons Foundation for this grant. It will be used to invite exceptional researchers in the mathematical sciences to the CRM for extended periods. During their visits, senior researchers will hold the title Simons CRM Professor and junior investigators will be designated Simons CRM Scholar. This grant will further enhance the already large impact of the CRM internationally as it prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary. This award recognizes the efforts of all those who have contributed to the CRM since its founding in 1968."

**Gérard Ben Arous**, Chair of the International Scientific Advisory Committee (ISAC) of the CRM and Professor of Mathematics at the Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, New York University, commented: “The CRM is very well known in the international mathematical community. As Chair of the ISAC, I have a first-hand appreciation of the high quality of the CRM programs. The competition for the Targeted Grants to Institutes of the Simons Foundation is very high. That the CRM has been chosen as one of the few recipients testifies to its excellence. The Simons’ funding will allow the CRM to round out its portfolio of scientific offerings in a superb way, and I look forward to the effect that this will have with much enthusiasm.”

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