

Subject: Final bulletin: see you here, in Montreal !
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FINAL BULLETIN FOR THE MONTREAL MEETING OF CHAIRS OF MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENTS IN CANADA

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* Nothing new in this bulletin *
* but for points 4) and 5) at *
* the very end of this message ! *
* Have a look! And : *
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* HAVE A NICE TRIP ! *
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Département de mathématiques et de statistique and
Centre de recherches mathématiques, November 12-13, 2004

Organized by: Mayer Alvo (Ottawa), Ted Bisztriczky (Calgary), Yvan Saint-Aubin (Montreal).

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Guests of meeting

François Lalonde (Montréal, directeur du CRM)
Christiane Rousseau (Montréal, présidente sortante de la SMC)

(Campbell (Memorial, vice-president (academic) and CMS, president),
Holzmann (Lethbridge), Kisilewsky (Concordia), Gowrisankaran (McGill), Zorzitto (Waterloo) have sent
regrets. They will not be able to join us.)

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* SCHEDULE *
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* = leader (please contact the other people and organize the allotted time consequently)

FRIDAY, Nov. 12, 2004

- 8h30 Arrival of the participants (6th floor of Pav. André-Aisenstadt, see map below)
- 9h00 - 10h00 Dépt. de mathématiques et de statistique, Univ. Laval (Jean-Pierre Carmichael)
- 10h00 - 10h30 Coffee break
- 10h30 - 11h15 Workload and teaching load (Madras*, Vaughan, Krause, Keast, Baker)
- 11h15 - 12h00 Graduate stipends (Lau*, Watson, Krause, Carmichael)

12h00 - 14h00 Lunch break
14h00 - 15h00 Report on the Retreat at BIRS (François Lalonde*, CRM, directeur; Christiane Rousseau, présidente sortante, SMC)
15h00 - 15h30 Coffee break
15h30 - 16h30 Dept. of Mathematics and Statistics, Univ. of Saskatoon (Doug MacLean)
16h30 - 17h15 CRC effect on departments (Marcus*, Carmichael, Saint-Aubin)
17h15 Reception offered by CRM at the occasion of CRM-Fields Prize award ceremony (Awardee is Prof. Don Dawson)
19h30 Banquet at Chez Queux

SATURDAY, Nov. 13, 2004

9h00 - 10h00 Dept. of Mathematics and Statistics, Acadia Univ. (Paul Cabilio)
10h00 - 10h45 Challenges facing small depts & preparing students for grad school (esp. for depts. without a PhD) (Baker*)
10h45 - 11h15 Coffee break
11h15 - 12h00 Coaching of new faculties (who does it? how? how much?) (Vaughan*, Baker, Saint-Aubin)
12h00 - 12h45 Departments that are both of mathematics and of statistics (Watson*, Madras, Ahmed, Carmichael, Keast)
13h00 End of meeting

Topics kept for next year meeting (maybe) :

- increment/merit systems
- computerized tutorials, assignments, grading (webct?)
- unconventional courses
- reviews of performance of departments
- were do students find jobs?
- online job application systems
- research support for faculty
- NSERC new program CRYSTAL / CREASE

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* ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND *
* THINGS THAT YOU HAVE TO DO NOW *
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ADDITIONAL DETAILS

1) BANQUET : WE NEED TO KNOW BEFORE THE EVENT HOW MANY WILL BE AT THE BANQUET. Send me a number, either 0, 1 or 2 (saint@dms.umontreal.ca) .

The banquet will be held Friday evening, 19h30 at
Chez Queux
158 rue St-Paul est
Montréal

(on Place Jacques Cartier, in the old port)

The menu is a prix fixe : 45\$ + tax + service ~ 60\$ per person. This does not include wine BUT the CMS is contributing 500\$ to that budget item. (Thanks Eddy and Graham!)

2) HOTELS : YOU SHOULD HAVE DONE YOUR RESERVATION BY NOW. IF NOT : We recommend that book your hotel as soon as you can! Here is the CRM link with several hotels.

http://www.crm.umontreal.ca/coord/hotels_an.html

The most practical choices are

- Terrasse Royale at 95\$/night + taxes (close to campus; walking distance)
 - Le Meridien-Versailles-Montréal at 129\$/night + taxes (downtown but quick ride by bus or cab)
- You may need to say that you are attending an event at Université de Montréal to get these prices.

3) LOCATION : All events will take place in Pavillon André-Aisenstadt in Room 6214, 6th floor, close to the elevators. A pdf map of the campus is available on line at the following address. (Click in the bottom of the map to get the pdf.)

<http://www.umontreal.ca/plancampus/index.html>

Pav. André-Aisenstadt is building 20 and the Terrasse Royale Hotel is on Cote-des-Neiges, the street at the far right.

4) AFTER 13h00 ON SATURDAY : Montreal has a lot to offer, even on a November drizzling day. A good source of information is

<http://www.montrealmirror.com/listings/index.html>

You have to click on the red words "MUSIC", "ART", ..., to get the listing. The Mirror is a weekly distributed freely. It has a paper version (out on Thursday, see subways!) and an electronic one (I do not know when the listings are updated).

5) A REQUEST : could you all bring the following numbers at the meeting? I plan to collect these informations and share them with all of you. The numbers (for your Department!) that I would like to know are:

- Number of (regular) faculties in your Department
- Number of registered MSc students
- Number of registered PhD students

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