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Government adds \$1.1 million to international mathematical research

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(CP) - The federal Industry Department is putting up \$1.1 million to help Canadian mathematicians collaborate with foreign colleagues on issues ranging from avian flu to terrorism.

The cash goes to the Mathematics of Information Technology and Complex Systems, a national research network based in Burnaby, B.C., which will apply the funds to international partnerships.

The aim is to apply global mathematical brainpower to topics such as tracking the spread of diseases, developing new drugs, countering terrorist threats and managing financial risk.

"The universality of mathematics as the language of science and technology will foster the exchange of ideas and strategies to combat some of the most challenging issues of our time," says MITACS director Arvind Gupta.