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Canadian and French governments agree to mathematical meeting of the minds



Burnaby-based Mathematics of Information Technology and Complex Systems (MITACS), a Canadian Network of Centres of Excellence, located at Simon Fraser University, will hold joint workshops and support graduate student exchanges with its French equivalent, INRIA, the French national institute for research in computer science and control.

The memorandum of understanding will see Canadian and French mathematicians collaborate on key issues of information and communication security and health.

“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,” said **Arvind Gupta**, scientific director of MITACS.

The two research organizations will collaborate in furthering the development of mathematical models to help to characterize, diagnose and treat diseases such as cancer. Scientists use the models to get a better understanding of the complex processes within the human body and how they relate to a person’s health.

