

Christiane Rousseau appointed member of the Scientific Board of the International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP) of UNESCO

MONTREAL, February 24, 2015 /CRM/ - Christiane Rousseau, member of the Centre de recherches mathématiques and faculty at the Département de mathématiques et de statistique of the Université de Montréal has been appointed member of the prestigious Scientific Board of the International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP) of UNESCO for a three-year term from 2015 to 2017.

Christiane Rousseau studied at the Université de Montréal where she obtained her PhD in 1977. After postdoctoral studies at McGill University, she returned to the Université de Montréal where she became professor.

She chaired her department from 1993 to 1997, and she was President of the Canadian Mathematical Society from 2002 to 2004. When she was Director of the Centre de recherches mathématiques (CRM) in 2008-09, she initiated the international year “Mathematics of Planet Earth 2013” under the patronage of UNESCO.

In 2011-2015, she was Vice-president of the International Mathematical Union (IMU), and she continues as a member of the IMU Executive Committee for the 2015-2018 term. Her research area is dynamical systems. Throughout her career, she conducted research and outreach activities in parallel: lectures in schools, organization of mathematics camps, articles in mathematical magazines. She is a recipient of the 2014 George Polya Award of the MAA.

The Director of the IBSP has pointed out Christiane Rousseau’s high repute in the basic sciences and her commitment to the promotion of international cooperation. Up to 30 members of the Scientific Board are responsible for monitoring, making recommendations and supervising from a scientific point of view, proposals from the IBSP.

Created in 2005, the IBSP emphasizes the promotion of training and research in the basic sciences and science education, as well as the use of promising advances made in the basic sciences to address environmental challenges, meet human needs and improve the quality of life and education.

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