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Yoshua Bengio and Andrea Lodi at the heart of a historic investment in research on artificial intelligence

Montreal, September 13, 2016 - The Centre de recherches mathématiques is proud to have amongst its members Yoshua Bengio, founder of MILA (Montreal Institute for Learning Algorithms), a CRM laboratory, and Andrea Lodi, chairholder of the Canada Excellence Research Chair in Data Science for Real-Time Decision-Making, at Polytechnique Montréal.

Dr. Bengio, a leading international researcher in the area of learning algorithms, and Dr. Lodi, a leading international researcher on linear and non linear mixed integer programming, are at the heart of the project that led to a historic grant of \$ 93 M to IVADO (The Institute for Data Valorization, ivado.ca/en), a scientific and economic centre established by the Université de Montréal, Polytechnique Montréal, and HEC Montréal.

This grant, awarded by the Canada First Research Excellence Fund, will support three projects, the first one being the improvement of artificial intelligence in order to equip computers with capabilities equivalent to those of human beings.

“What motivated me from the start is not only the thought of strengthening Montreal as an international research hub on artificial intelligence but also that it will be the seed for creating a mini-Silicon Valley of artificial intelligence and data science,” says Dr. Bengio, professor at the Département d’informatique et de recherche opérationnelle of the Université de Montréal and chairholder of the Canada Research Chair in Statistical Algorithms.

Relations between the CRM and IVADO obviously have a great future.

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