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Professor Octav Cornea appointed next director of the Centre de recherches mathématiques (CRM)

Montréal, April, 21, 2021 - Professor Octav Cornea has been appointed the next CRM director, effective July 1, 2021, for a four-year term. He will follow in the footsteps of Professor Luc Vinet who has held this position since 2013 and who writes:

"I am very happy that Octav Cornea will follow me at the helm of the CRM. By accepting these responsibilities, he demonstrates an altruism that honors him. I have no doubt that the CRM will continue its remarkable history and excel more than ever under his leadership."

Professor in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics of the Université de Montréal since 2003, Octav Cornea, obtained his doctorate at the University of Rochester in 1993 and, in 1994, he became Professor at the University of Lille 1, where he remained until 2002. He was director of the Institut des sciences mathématiques (2006-2009), director of the Séminaire de Mathématiques Supérieures (2010-2019) and deputy director of the Centre de recherches mathématiques (2011-2014). He works in geometry and topology, with contributions to algebraic topology, dynamical systems and, over the last twenty years, mainly to symplectic topology. He was a Simons Fellow (2015-2016), member of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton (2015-2016), Research Professor at the Mathematical Science Research Institute at Berkeley (2009) and invited speaker at the Inaugural Mathematical Congress of the Americas in 2013.

"I thank the Québec mathematical community, and, in particular, my predecessor Luc Vinet, for their support. It is a challenging time, of profound restructuring, but it is also a golden era for the mathematical sciences and, together, I hope we will be able to make the most of the ensuing opportunities."