

# UPDATES

## Kick-off event!!!

Our start-up team, who has been diligently working to get this initiative started, is proud to announce our very first event to take place on Thursday May 5th, at Concordia University. The agenda for this event is to unveil the chapter website, present the calendar of events for summer 2016, the organizing teams and directors and a talk from a faculty member or industry contact. We hope to see you there.

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## Umbrella Organizations Status

During the past few weeks, we have been working on getting the support of other Operations Research societies. Next is a detailed status report on their approval.

### CORS

We have received a letter of support from the President of the CORS chapter in Montreal. Prof. Louis-Martin Rousseau.

### INFORMS

Full application and supporting documentation submitted on March 16th 2016 and have recently been told that the process is to take 12-14 weeks. No further feedback has been received, but we are pressuring for the approval to come through soon.

### Concordia

On Sunday March 20th 2016, we presented our petition to the Graduate Student Association who approved our affiliation thus securing our registration as a student group at Concordia. On March 28th 2016, we submitted our petition to the Concordia Board of Governors to apply for approval of the use of the Concordia name, in case INFORMS should require it. The Board meets in mid-April.

Given our current status, we will proceed for now as the CORS Montreal Student Chapter. We will present ourselves as such at upcoming events such as Optimization Days and in all our announcements. This will remain this way until INFORMS approves our student chapter.

## Teams and Directors

For those who would like to play a more active role in the student chapter, we have officially opened positions for the required teams and team directors. The list of teams can be found [here](#). These teams will work in coordination with the Executive board to ensure that the chapter accomplishes its goals through the appropriate means.

We encourage you to sign up to join a team by sending us an email with your CV along with the team you would like to be in and the position ("Director" or "Team Member"). Help us make this chapter great!

## GERAD Seminars

We have been invited to participate in a stream of informal student seminars hosted by the GERAD as a means of both promoting our chapter and the research being done at our universities.

Topics are open and talks usually take 45 minutes with an additional 15 minutes for questions. These are held at the Pavillon André-Aisenstadt building of UdeM and usually take place at noon.

We encourage members to present at this seminar to promote and debate your research ideas with GERAD students and practice your presentation skills.

If you are interested in presenting, please contact Charles Gauvin at [charles.gauvin@gerad.ca](mailto:charles.gauvin@gerad.ca)



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