



WELCOME

Dear MIMM members,

All of a sudden, we are in December with its end of the year connotations. 2013 has certainly been an exciting year. By now, we have a well-installed McGill Principal, Professor Suzanne Fortier. We are very happy to welcome her back to McGill and look forward to working with her.

I would like to call your attention to our webpage. Ireini and Beatrice have been working very hard on our communications strategy and it shows. Take a look at the amazing McGill in 80 seconds video on our home page! And guess our "cyberspace outreach" ranking... Email me your guess for a nice treat! The answer will be in the next Newsletter. It will be a reason to celebrate!



We are also getting ready for season celebrations. Do not miss the Departmental Holiday party on Friday December 13, 2013, at 6pm in Thomson House. It will be a Potluck dinner and plenty of Holiday Cheer and Spirit.

And, of course, on behalf of all my family, I would like to wish you and your families a very joyful and rewarding Holiday Season. May 2014 bring us all plenty of exciting opportunities and health and energy to fulfill them.

Yours in service,

Quim Madrenas

RESEARCH

Publications of the Month

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