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Canadian National Site Licensing Project wins CACUL Innovation Achievement Award

Ottawa, June 21, 2002 - The Canadian National Site Licensing Project (CNSLP) has won the 2002 Innovation Achievement Award of the Canadian Association of College and University Libraries (CACUL), a division of the Canadian Library Association (CLA).

The award is sponsored by the SIRSI Corporation and recognizes academic libraries, which, through innovation in ongoing programs/services or in a special event/project, have contributed to the advancement of academic librarianship and library development.

CACUL President, E. Jane Philipps, Head, Engineering and Science Library Douglas Library, Queen's University, said that the Canadian National Site Licensing Project demonstrates the five essential criteria of the Innovation Achievement award: innovation, utility, long-term impact, ambition and currency. According to Philipps, "CNSLP is a ground-breaking digital library initiative that provides a solution to the growing demand for efficient purchase, storage, management and dissemination of scholarly information in electronic form. A major achievement of this project is establishment of a model license agreement for use with publishers of digital content, one that is governed by Canadian law, and secures generous and across-the-board rights for all bona fide academic users and usage of the content. This inclusive licensing model, along with the innovative cost-sharing approach, has been widely acclaimed in Canada and abroad."

CNSLP Executive Director Deb deBruijn accepted the award on behalf of the project's 64 member libraries at a ceremony held in conjunction with the CACUL Annual General Meeting in Halifax on Friday, June 21, 2002. deBruijn noted that "the unprecedented collaboration of universities working across political jurisdictions and diverse programs coast to coast is a major factor in CNSLP's success."

The Chair of the national CNSLP Steering Committee is Dr. Howard Alper, Vice-Rector (Research) at the University of Ottawa. According to Alper, "The CACUL award recognizes the significant contribution that CNSLP has made in strengthening universities' capacity for research and innovation. CNSLP provides equitable access to leading edge resources that underpin world-class research and allow Canadian researchers to remain internationally competitive."



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About CNSLP: The CNSLP is a consortium of 64 university libraries aimed at bolstering the research and innovation capacity of Canada's universities. CNSLP's mission is to expand the universe of digital research information to Canada's academic research community, through the co-ordinated services and expertise of academic libraries. The project offers an innovative model for licensing –on a national scale- electronic versions of scholarly publication and research databases in science, engineering, health and environmental disciplines. The CNSLP is governed by a national Steering Committee representing university libraries, administrators, researchers and academic associations.

CNSLP has received pilot funding from the Canada Foundation for Innovation, member universities, provincial governments, and the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency .Its administrative centre is located at the University of Ottawa, Canada's largest bilingual university. More information about the CNSLP is available at:
<http://www.uottawa.ca/library/cnslp/>.

About CACUL: The Canadian Association of College and University Libraries (CACUL) exists to develop high standards of librarianship and of library and information services, promoting these in institutions of post-secondary education. CACUL is a division of the Canadian Library Association, the national English language association representing the interests of all types of libraries and library workers. More information about CACUL and its programs is available at:
<http://www.cla.ca/divisions/CACUL/cacul.htm>

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