

Canadian  
**National  
Site  
Licensing  
Project**

Projet  
canadien de  
**licences  
de site  
nationales**

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## **Canadian universities to seek expansion of national research network**

**Ottawa, November 20, 2001**... Representatives from Canadian universities are meeting tomorrow in Ottawa to discuss the development of a national strategy aimed at ensuring the growth and expansion of the Canadian National Site Licensing Project (CNSLP)—a \$50-million digital library that strengthens the research and innovation capacity of Canadian universities.

The CNSLP—now in its second year of a three-year pilot phase—provides desktop access to electronic versions of scholarly journals and research databases, primarily in science, engineering, health, and environmental disciplines. Currently, more than 750 scholarly journals are available on-line to over 650,000 university researchers, post-doctoral fellows, graduate and undergraduate students at 64 universities in 10 provinces.

The CNSLP has received \$30 million from universities and provincial governments, and the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, as well as \$20 million from the Canada Foundation for Innovation.

“The Government of Canada is supporting this world-leading project through the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency and the Canada Foundation for Innovation,” said the Honourable Brian Tobin, Minister of Industry. “By engaging in consultations and dialogue with government and their partners from the scientific publishing industry, our universities are helping to make Canada one of the most innovative nations in the world—a magnet for the best minds and ideas and a centre of excellence in the new, knowledge-based economy.”

Systematic access to published research constitutes an integral component of a modern, world-class research infrastructure. The CNSLP provides Canadian researchers and students with shared access to the latest scientific publications and citation databases.



“In today’s economy, timely access to the most up-to-date information and innovative approaches to research are critical to our success,” said Dr. Howard Alper, Vice-Rector (Research) at the University of Ottawa and Chair of the CNSLP Steering Committee. “This network helps develop new approaches that result in advances in fields as diverse as robotic surgery or environmental policies. Our objective is to build a consensus that will lead to the establishment of a permanent national knowledge infrastructure in Canada.”

By pooling the resources of research institutions, the Canadian National Site Licensing Project provides a strong voice on behalf of Canadian universities to negotiate favourable agreements with scholarly publishers throughout the world. It also helps university libraries maximize their assets and strengthen their capacity to support the information needs of researchers and students.

The CNSLP offers a collaborative model for licensing—on a national scale—electronic versions of scholarly publications. The CNSLP is governed by a national Steering Committee representing university libraries, administrators, researchers, and academic associations. Its administrative centre is located at the University of Ottawa—Canada’s largest bilingual university.

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## Participating Institutions

### Newfoundland

Memorial University of Newfoundland

### Nova Scotia

Acadia University  
Dalhousie University  
Mount Saint Vincent University  
Nova Scotia Agricultural College  
Nova Scotia College of Art and Design  
Université Sainte-Anne  
Saint Francis Xavier University  
Saint Mary's University  
University College of Cape Breton

### Prince Edward Island

University of Prince Edward Island

### New Brunswick

Mount Allison University  
Université de Moncton  
University of New Brunswick  
St. Thomas University

### Quebec

Bishop's University  
Concordia University  
École Nationale d'Administration Publique  
École Polytechnique de Montréal  
École des Hautes Études Commerciales  
École de technologie supérieure  
Institut national de la recherche scientifique  
McGill University  
Télé-Université du Québec  
Université du Québec à Chicoutimi  
Université du Québec à Hull  
Université du Québec à Montréal  
Université du Québec à Rimouski  
Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières  
Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue  
Université de Montréal  
Université de Sherbrooke  
Université Laval

### Ontario

Brock University  
Carleton University  
Lakehead University  
Laurentian University  
McMaster University  
Nipissing University  
Queen's University  
Ryerson University  
Trent University  
University of Guelph  
University of Ottawa  
University of Toronto  
University of Waterloo  
University of Western Ontario  
University of Windsor  
Wilfrid Laurier University  
York University

### Manitoba

Brandon University  
University of Manitoba  
University of Winnipeg

### Saskatchewan

University of Regina  
University of Saskatchewan

### Alberta

Athabasca University  
University of Alberta  
University of Calgary  
University of Lethbridge

### British Columbia

Royal Roads University  
Simon Fraser University  
University of British Columbia  
University of Northern British Columbia  
University of Victoria



## CNSLP Partner Publishers

### Academic Press

[www.academicpress.com](http://www.academicpress.com)

Academic Press is a leading publisher of scientific, technical and health information. Through its agreement with CNSLP, Academic Press offers online access to 205 electronic journals in its IDEAL online resource library, covering over thirty science and social science disciplines.

### American Chemical Society

[www.pubs.acs.org](http://www.pubs.acs.org)

The American Chemical Society is the world's largest scientific society, whose peer-reviewed journals are the most cited and heavily used in chemistry. The agreement with CNSLP provides online access to all thirty-three of ACS's scientific journals.

### American Mathematical Society

[www.ams.org](http://www.ams.org)

The American Mathematical Society provides professional services to the mathematical community and is a major publisher of mathematics research and reviews. The agreement with CNSLP provides access to *MathSciNet*, a database of more than 1.5 million reviews of mathematics research, with more than 120,000 links to original articles.

### Institute for Scientific Information (ISI)

[www.isinet.com](http://www.isinet.com)

ISI is a division of the Thomson Corporation, and a leading publisher of scholarly research tools and databases. The agreement with CNSLP provides access to *Web of Science*, a multidisciplinary database that indexes 8,500 journals cover-to-cover, and provides citation indexing and linking features.

### Institute of Physics Publishing

[www.iop.org](http://www.iop.org)

The Institute of Physics is a learned society, professional body and major publisher of physics research. The agreement with CNSLP provides access to all thirty-four of IOP's electronic journals covering pure and applied physics.

### Royal Society of Chemistry

[www.rsc.org](http://www.rsc.org)

The Royal Society of Chemistry is the Learned Society for the chemical sciences, the Professional Body for chemical scientists in the UK, and a major publisher and provider of chemical information worldwide. The agreement with CNSLP provides online access to twenty-three electronic journals covering all branches of chemistry.

### Springer-Verlag

[www.link.springer-ny.com](http://www.link.springer-ny.com)

Springer-Verlag is one of the largest and most prestigious scientific publishers on the international scene. The agreement with CNSLP provides online access to over 450 electronic journals offering a broad range of content from science, technology, medicine, life sciences and engineering disciplines.

