



Ronald Bond appointed as Chair of the Advisory Board for the Canadian Research Knowledge Network

Ottawa, December 16, 2004 - The Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Ronald B. Bond as Chair of the CRKN Advisory Board for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2005.

The CRKN Advisory Board is a panel of experts drawn from the external stakeholder community, and plays a key role in advising the Board of Directors on strategic and development issues. The Chair of the Advisory Board also participates as a full-voting member of the Board of Directors.

Dr. Bond is Provost and Vice-President (Academic) at the University of Calgary. He holds a PhD in Renaissance English Literature from the University of Toronto (1972), and is currently a member of the Steering Committee for the Faculty Bargaining Project of the Canadian Association of University Business Officers (CAUBO). His national service includes terms as President of the Canadian Association of Chairs of English; Vice-President of the Canadian Society for Renaissance Studies; President of the Canadian Conference of Deans of Art, Humanities and Social Sciences; and Vice-President (Research Dissemination) for the Humanities and Social Sciences Federation of Canada.

“I am delighted to be joining the CRKN as Chair of the Advisory Board,” commented Dr. Bond. “I believe strongly in the critical role libraries have played and continue to play in the advancement of learning. Connecting researchers to digital resources is an increasingly important aspect of what libraries and groups of libraries must do in order to serve the needs and meet the expectations of the research community and of society at large. The CRKN has been a leader in this arena, and I look forward to working with the team of talented people who provide it with direction.”

Dr. Howard Alper, Vice-President (Research) at the University of Ottawa and Chair of the CRKN Board of Directors, commented, “CRKN is very happy to welcome Ronald Bond to both the Advisory Board and Board of Directors. He will play an instrumental role in building and developing the Advisory Board, and with his background, experience and strong abilities in consensus building he will be a tremendous asset in expanding our national initiatives.”

The Canadian Research Knowledge Network is a program of Canadian universities aimed at bolstering the research and innovation capacity of Canada’s universities. CRKN’s mission is to expand the universe of digital research information available to Canada’s academic community, through the co-ordinated services and expertise of academic libraries.

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