

Canadian National Site Licensing Project Projet canadien de licences de site nationales

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Canadian National Site Licensing Project Acquires ScienceDirect® for Online Journal Access

Ottawa, January 28, 2003 - The Canadian National Site Licensing Project (CNSLP) has acquired a license agreement to provide comprehensive online access to scientific and social sciences full-text articles and content from the publisher Elsevier through its ScienceDirect platform.

Pursuing its charter purpose to increase the capacity for research and innovation in Canada, CNSLP announced news of the agreement, which will open access to over 1,500 Elsevier journals. Previously, 11 of the CNSLP member institutions had access to ScienceDirect, some dating back as early as 1997. This agreement expands access to 61 institutions. Frank Vrancken Peeters, Managing Director of Elsevier Global Sales, declared, "We are pleased to see our relationship with the CNSLP grow to allow for the expanded distribution of our leading Elsevier journals into the libraries, classrooms and laboratories of Canada's scientists and researchers."

The agreement, effective January 2003, is a fulfillment of the CNSLP's mission to expand the universe of digital research available to Canada's academic research community, through the coordinated services and expertise of academic libraries.

An estimated 650,000 students, researchers and academic scientists in the Canadian consortium will now have unlimited online access to full-text, peer reviewed articles. The unprecedented online access agreement will run through 2006 and allows the consortium to add to an existing content agreement that CNSLP has with Academic Press, which was acquired by Elsevier in 2001.

CNSLP Executive Director Deb deBruijn noted that "the collaboration of universities working across political jurisdictions and diverse programs coast to coast is a major factor in CNSLP's success. The agreement with Elsevier moves us toward our goals of providing dramatically expanded content and a fertile research environment for the Canadian academic community, within a stable and sustainable business environment for libraries.

The Chair of the national CNSLP Steering Committee is Dr. Howard Alper, Vice-Rector (Research) at the University of Ottawa. According to Alper, "The agreement between CNSLP and Elsevier is an important step forward in strengthening Canadian 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. The agreement demonstrates the success of the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) strategy for seeding



research infrastructure initiatives in Canadian universities. This national agreement with Elsevier builds on CFI's pilot funding for CNSLP, and further demonstrates the commitment of Canadian universities to build a national research content infrastructure, with the leveraging of their own institutional dollars well beyond investments from external granting sources."

CNSLP's goal is to establish multi-year agreements with publishers for content identified by researchers and members as key to Canadian research needs. Darrell Gunter, Senior Vice President of Elsevier Sales & Services Americas explained, "The ability to forge a multi-year licensing agreement with this prestigious consortium created the opportunity to provide terms that resulted in a win-win partnership. This agreement will ensure that we continue to serve the Canadian university research community well for years to come." Using Elsevier's ScienceDirect online platform, CNSLP researchers nationwide will have 24-hour access to over 3 million Elsevier articles from the ScienceDirect database plus links to other leading publishers of scientific/technical/medical and social sciences content.

CNSLP is a consortium of Canadian 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 coordinated 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 multiple disciplines. 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.

ScienceDirect is the world's most comprehensive full-text database of scientific, technical and medical information. ScienceDirect content includes journals from Elsevier and other science/technology/medical publishers in addition to an expanding suite of secondary databases. ScienceDirect is a unit of Elsevier, part of the Reed Elsevier plc group. Elsevier provides high value and flexible information solutions to professional end users in academic, medical and corporate markets, with increasing emphasis on the Internet for content distribution.

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