

## Canadian Scholarly Publishing Working Group to Ensure Wide Distribution of Research Results

Stakeholders including scholarly publishers, academic libraries, funders, and researchers have joined forces to develop a framework for advanced, robust, sustainable, collaborative models for the Canadian dissemination of the scholarly record.



**November 7, 2016.** – Scholars, research funders, libraries, academic institutions and a growing number of scholarly publishers share a common goal of enabling research results to be widely distributed internationally in public high quality publishing venues at the lowest possible costs.

The Canadian Scholarly Publishing Working Group held a full-day meeting in Ottawa today, continuing its exploration into sustainable collaborative journal and article publishing models, followed by an examination of needs related to research data, monographs and new forms of scholarship. Funding scenarios for new models will also be discussed by the Group. The Working Group will consider models to ensure the sustainability of the Canadian publishing sector, including co-operatives, Open Access, and others. The outcomes will inform the development and reinforcement of platforms in the Canadian research landscape as a key component of a larger knowledge mobilization strategy.

The Working Group brings together the following representatives of stakeholder organizations:

- Gwen Bird, Canadian Association of Research Libraries (Chair)
- Clare Appavoo, Canadian Research Knowledge Network
- Josée Dallaire, Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences
- Alan Darnell, Ontario Council of University Libraries/Scholars Portal
- Suzanne Kettlely, Canadian Association of Learned Journals
- Joy Kirchner, Canadian Association of Research Libraries' Advancing Research Committee
- Lara Mainville, Association of Canadian University Presses
- Claire Millington, Universities Canada
- Tanja Niemann, Érudit
- Brian Owen, Public Knowledge Project
- Tim Wilson, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

Several researchers representing the sciences, social sciences and humanities are also contributing to the Working Group:

- Susan Brown, Canada Research Chair in Collaborative Digital Scholarship and Professor of English, University of Guelph
- Nicholas Kevlahan, Professor of Mathematics, McMaster University

- Vincent Larivière, Canada Research Chair on the Transformations of Scholarly Communication and Associate Professor of Information Science at the École de bibliothéconomie et des sciences de l'information, Université de Montréal

Members of the Working Group were recruited by the Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL), began their collective work in July 2016, and aim to achieve their goals no later than April 1, 2017.

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[The Association of Canadian University Presses / l'Association des presses universitaires canadiennes \(ACUP/APUC\)](#) is the voice of scholarly publishing in Canada, facilitating the broad distribution of excellent scholarship in Canada and internationally.

[The Canadian Association of Learned Journals](#) is a national not-for-profit organization who works to strengthen both individual journals and the independent journal community as a whole.

[The Canadian Association of Research Libraries \(CARL\)](#) includes Canada's 29 largest university research libraries and two federal institutions. Enhancing research and higher education is at the heart of our mission. CARL promotes effective and sustainable scholarly communication, and public policy that enables broad access to scholarly information.

[The Canadian Research Knowledge Network \(CRKN\)](#) is a partnership of 75 Canadian universities, dedicated to expanding digital content for the academic research enterprise in Canada. Through the coordinated leadership of librarians, researchers, and administrators, CRKN undertakes large-scale content acquisition and licensing initiatives in order to build knowledge infrastructure and research and teaching capacity among Canadian universities.

[Érudit](#) is a Canadian interuniversity consortium that works in partnership with libraries and scholarly publishers towards the digital dissemination of research outcomes. Érudit offers centralized access through its platform to high quality content.

[The Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences](#) promotes research and teaching for the advancement of an inclusive, democratic and prosperous society. With a membership now comprising over 160 universities, colleges and scholarly associations, the Federation represents a diverse community of 91,000 researchers and graduate students across Canada.

[The Ontario Council of University Libraries \(OCUL\)](#) is a consortium of Ontario's 21 university libraries. Its strength lies in its commitment to work together to maximize collective expertise and resources. OCUL enhances information services in Ontario and

beyond through collective purchasing and shared digital information infrastructure, collaborative planning, advocacy, assessment, research, partnerships, communications, and professional development.

[The Public Knowledge Project](#) is a non-profit research initiative of Simon Fraser University and Stanford University that is focused on making the results of publicly funded research freely available through open access policies, and on developing strategies for making this possible through open source software development, publishing services, professional capacity building, and community participation.

[The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada \(SSHRC\)](#) is the federal research funding agency that promotes and supports postsecondary-based research and research training in the humanities and social sciences.

[Universities Canada](#) is the voice of Canada's universities at home and abroad, representing the interests of 97 Canadian public and private not-for-profit universities.

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