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Dr. Jonathan Blay re-appointed to Board of Directors of the Canadian Research Knowledge Network

Ottawa, October 22, 2007 – The Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN) is pleased to announce the appointment of Jonathan Blay to the CRKN Board of Directors for a second three-year term commencing September 25, 2007.

The Board of Directors is a panel of distinguished experts drawn from within CRKN's member communities: Canadian universities and their researchers, and the libraries that support these innovators.

Dr. Blay is Professor of Pharmacology and an active cancer researcher who has contributed at an administrative level in many aspects of research peer review and training initiatives. His own research encompasses studies of the role of the tumour microenvironment, aspects of cancer cell behaviour, and potential novel therapeutics for use against cancer. He teaches pharmacology in a variety of disciplines and recently received the Dalhousie Community of Scholars Award of Excellence in Medical Education.

Dr. Blay is Past President of the Nova Scotian Institute for Science and a Fellow of the Institutes of Biomedical Science and Biology. He is a strong proponent of investment in knowledge systems as a means of enhancing the effectiveness of research and the training of future Canadian researchers.

Dr. Blay has been an enthusiastic participant in the activities of CRKN since its inception as the Canadian National Site Licensing Program (CNSLP) in 2000. As an elected member of the Board of Directors since 2004, Dr. Blay has held key roles as Chair of the Strategic Planning Working Group and as a long-time member of the Executive Committee.

"I'm delighted to be able to work alongside the Directors, staff and other committee members within CRKN at such a pivotal and exciting time in knowledge dissemination," commented Dr. Blay. "The past few years have shown us what can be gained when libraries at our different institutions work together for the benefit of researchers across Canada. There's no doubt that electronic knowledge transfer, processing and integration will be key to our progress over the next few years, and the impact of CRKN as a national team effort will play a large part in defining our research success."

Dr. David Turpin, President of University of Victoria and Chair of the Board of Directors remarked, "I am very happy to welcome Jonathan back to the Board. His strategic vision and knowledge will strengthen the collective experience already present in the group, and bring valuable perspectives to bear on CRKN's future development. I look forward to our work together."

The Canadian Research Knowledge Network is a partnership of 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 capacity in Canada's universities.

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