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The Canadian Association of Research Libraries Endorses New Strategic Plan

OTTAWA, November 11, 2009 – The Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) is very pleased to announce that its members unanimously endorsed a new Strategic Plan (2010 – 2012) at CARL's 2009 Fall General Meeting. "CARL's new Strategic Plan focuses on the continuing transformation of scholarly communication, advocacy for a favourable federal public policy environment, and the strengthening and promotion of Canada's research libraries" said Ernie Ingles, CARL President, Vice Provost and Chief Librarian, University of Alberta. "This is a time of rapid change for research libraries and the institutions and society they work within; CARL's Plan will re-focus the energies of the Association to better confront the new challenges and take advantage of the new opportunities that this change presents." The CARL Strategic Plan can be seen at http://www.carl-abrc.ca/about/strategic_plan_2010-2012-e.html.

After several months of consultations with members and others, an Association Planning Committee and the Board of Directors identified the Strategic Directions that CARL will advance. Working to "transform scholarly communication," CARL will concentrate on research data management, open access publication and archiving, promotion of digitization of content, and conservation of research collections. In order to "influence public policy," CARL will work on copyright reform, support for research, Internet policy, and support of our national libraries. Finally, to "advance the research library," CARL will promote an awareness of library roles in university research and higher education, work to demonstrate institutional return on library investment, guide development of research library human resources, and actively facilitate the sharing of research library best practices.

Along with the new Strategic Plan, CARL members adopted a refreshed committee structure, aligning the committees with the Strategic Directions identified in the new Plan. Accordingly, three new CARL "strategic committees" – the Scholarly Communication Committee, the Public Policy Committee, and the Research Libraries Committee – were constituted and held their first meetings on November 12.

CARL—the Canadian Association of Research Libraries—is the leadership organization for the Canadian research library community. The Association's members are the 28 major academic research libraries across Canada together with Library and Archives Canada, the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI) and the Library of Parliament. CARL strives to enhance the capacity of member libraries to partner in research and higher education, and to seek effective and sustainable scholarly communication and public policy encouraging of research and broad access to scholarly information.

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