# Nurturing Canadian Scholarly Publishing: A Working Group on Sustainable Collaborative Models

## *Purpose*

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 and openly accessible, internationally, in public high quality publishing venues at the lowest possible costs. This working group will bring together those stakeholders to establish a shared vision, principles and goals that will act as a framework for advanced, robust, sustainable, collaborative models for the Canadian dissemination of the scholarly record. New journal and article publishing models will be explored along with their related research data, as well as monographs and new forms of scholarship. In addition, funding scenarios for new models will be discussed and assessed for feasibility. 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.

## *Name*

Canadian Scholarly Publishing Working Group

## *Activities (to include but not limited to the following):*

1. Consider the opportunities of recent developments in the scholarly communications landscape, drawing on studies and documents of stakeholder groups.
2. Follow closely and consider the experiences of current initiatives such as the Érudit-PKP partnership.
3. Ensure engagement of stakeholder communities to inform working group deliverables.
4. Establish a vision and core set of principles that will advance Canadian publishing and meet stakeholder needs.
5. Propose initial goals for the development and reinforcement of publishing services or platforms.
6. Discuss and provide observations on organizational and financial model options, drawing from existing entities and exploring new possibilities.
7. Compile findings into a framework to inform and advance strategic planning and investments in emerging Canadian publishing services and platforms.

## *Outcomes*

- A set of sustainable collaborative scholarly publishing model principles.
- A collaborative scholarly publishing model framework including goals and potential business models for publishing services or platforms.

*Working Relationships*

This initiative is separate from but complements and maintains a close working relationship with several current initiatives, including the Portage Network, a Canadian repositories meeting to be convened by CARL in Fall 2016, the CRKN-Érudit partnership, the Érudit-PKP partnership, and CARL's emerging roadmap for advancing scholarly communications. The Chair of the WG will report on its activities to CARL's Advancing Research Committee and to other stakeholder organizations as requested, and may submit written recommendations on behalf of the group to participating organizations.

Minutes and reports of the WG are not confidential unless determined so by the group.

*Membership*

- Gwen Bird, Canadian Association of Research Libraries (Chair)
- Clare Appavoo, Canadian Research Knowledge Network
- Josée Dallaire, CFHSS
- Alan Darnell, OCUL/Scholars Portal
- Suzanne Kettley, 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
- Researchers representing the sciences, social sciences and humanities
  - 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

*Secretariat and Chair*

The Chair's role is to provide facilitative leadership, ensuring that all members have opportunities to engage actively and provide their organizations' perspectives in the group's activities. CARL will provide administrative support such as meeting organization and minutes, and a member of the CARL Board will chair the committee.

*Budget*

Some participating stakeholders (Érudit, PKP) have offered to support working group activities with cash or in-kind support; details to be determined.

## *Timeframe*

The working group will convene in July 2016, deliver a progress report by November 1, 2016, and conclude no later than April 1, 2017.