

# Press Release

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## **CARL and BCI Reach Agreement for the Advancement Research Data Management and Digital Preservation in Canada**

**Montreal, February 22, 2018** – The Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) and the Bureau de coopération interuniversitaire (BCI) announced today the signing of an agreement that will see both organizations work together to advance regional and national issues relating to the data management and digital preservation needs of the Canadian research community.

This partnership brings together the collective expertise, resources and influence from BCI member institutions and CARL's Portage Network to focus on building connections between research data management and effective digital preservation.

Jeff Moon, Director of the Portage Network, stated, "Strong working relations with regional academic library groups, like the BCI library sub-committee, are critical to the success of the federated model upon which Portage is based. The expertise of BCI member institutions will assist Portage in building nation-wide communities of practice for the management and long-term preservation of research data".

"By partnering with CARL's Portage Network, Quebec universities will contribute to the national initiative to implement infrastructure and the services needed by our researchers to meet the requirements of the three federal councils for research data management", says Claude Bédard, Executive Director of BCI.

### **About BCI**

The Bureau de coopération interuniversitaire (BCI) is a private non-profit organization (NPO) gathering all Québec universities on a voluntary basis. BCI is a discussion and collaboration forum for university administrators, a coordinator and a services manager, as well as a resource centre and think tank for its members. BCI plays an essential role in optimizing Québec's investments in university education and research. Discussions taking place at BCI lead to harmonized policies and practices in many areas of common interest. These also result in the creation of joint services.

### **About CARL and Portage**

CARL provides leadership on behalf of Canada's research libraries, promotes effective and sustainable knowledge creation, dissemination, and preservation, and enhances its members' capacity to advance research and higher education. CARL members include Canada's 29 largest university libraries and two federal institutions. CARL has launched Portage, comprising a library-based network of expertise on research data management and national platforms for planning, preserving, and discovering research data.

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