

# CANADIAN CENTURY RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

## GALA CONFERENCE

### State of the World: Information Infrastructure Construction and Dissemination for Humanities and Social Science Research

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One of the prime objectives of this conference is to boost the image of social science and humanities research within the broader Canadian research environment. To that end we have, for example, planned sessions on medical research and social science databases and on research infrastructural development within Humanities. A second objective is to situate Canadian developments within an international context. To that end we have invited leading scholars in these areas from Europe, England and the United States.

#### Confirmed speakers include (in addition to CCRI speakers)

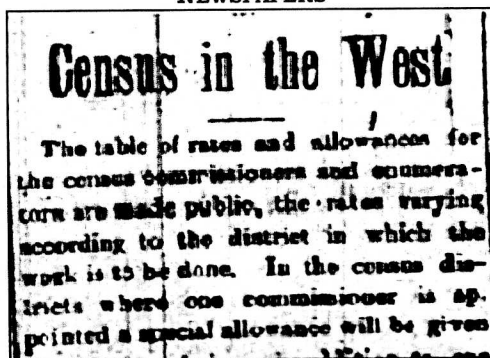
Eliot Phillipson, President, Canada Foundation for Innovation  
Ian Wilson, Librarian and Archivist of Canada  
Chad Gaffield, President, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council  
Steve Ruggles, Director Minnesota Population Centre, University of Minnesota  
Ernie Ingles, Vice-Provost and Chief Librarian, University of Alberta  
Gunnar Thorvaldsen, Norwegian Historical Data Centre, University of Tromso, Norway  
Kees Mandemakers, Senior Research Fellow, International Institute for Social History, Amsterdam  
Geoff Rockwell, Director, Humanities Computing Centre, McMaster University  
Susan Brown, Universities of Guelph and Alberta, co-founder Orlando Project  
Kris Inwood, Economics and History, University of Guelph  
Lisa Dillon, Department of Demography, University of Montreal  
Proton Rahman, Professor of Medicine, Memorial University, Head, The Population Therapeutics Research Group

And more to come.....

#### USING TECHNOLOGY AS A LENS TO THE PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

The CCRI/IRCS has constructed machine readable anonymized public use samples from the nominal level returns of the 1911 through 1951 national censuses. The Project has linked contextual data files from newspapers, parliamentary debates and correspondence to provide understanding of the context and multi purposes for census taking in twentieth century Canada. We have constructed a geographic framework for the data using a Geographic Information System (GIS)

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