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Ontario Consortium (OCUL) Makes RefWorks Available System-Wide

Bethesda, Maryland, USA (August, 2004) -- The Ontario Council of University Libraries (OCUL) and RefWorks, LLC have announced an agreement which will make RefWorks, the Web-based bibliographic management tool, available to all OCUL members for the next 3 years.

RefWorks allows users to create personal databases of bibliographic records and access them from any Internet-connected resource. Users can utilize these databases to generate footnotes and bibliographies, collaborate on research, or disseminate references. The OCUL RefWorks system will be hosted at the University of Toronto, which will provide access for all 20 OCUL members.

"When we first viewed RefWorks, we immediately saw its potential benefits for our students and faculty," stated Marshall Clinton, Director of Information Technology Resources, University of Toronto. "The fact that students may use RefWorks to manage citations from any location is an important feature. Today's students are highly mobile, and RefWorks supports this mobility. Once our users get hooked on RefWorks they keep coming back. On average, the 'typical' RefWorks user visits our RefWorks site more than once a week. RefWorks is changing the ways in which our students and faculty work."

"One of the complexities of searching across different databases has been the lack of tools for easily capturing citations from those sources," stated Alan Darnell, Director, Scholarly Information Resources Project, OCUL. "Researchers have been forced to learn the intricacies of exporting records and then importing them into bibliographic management tools. RefWorks simplifies this task by supporting the direct import of citations from database searches using an interface that is easy to implement and even easier to use."

OCUL membership comprises the following institutions, representing a range of library management systems:

- Brock University
- Carleton University
- University of Guelph*
- Lakehead University
- Laurentian University
- McMaster University*
- Nipissing University
- Ontario College of Art & Design
- University of Ontario Institute of Technology
- University of Ottawa
- Queen's University*
- Royal Military College of Canada
- Ryerson University
- University of Toronto*
- Trent University
- University of Waterloo*
- University of Western Ontario*
- Wilfrid Laurier University
- University of Windsor
- York University*

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OCUL joins a growing list of consortia subscribing to RefWorks. Presently, RefWorks is available through consortia based in Asia and Europe in addition to North America.

About OCUL

Established in 1967, OCUL has a long history of collaboration and co-operation among its member institutions. OCUL's Ontario Scholars Portal initiative supports more than 350,000 faculty and students in the Ontario universities by drawing together, in a unified framework, access to electronic full text resources, to index and abstract databases, to numerical and statistical data, and to geospatial data. Together, the holdings of the 20 Ontario university libraries include over 31,000,000 volumes; access to and delivery of items in these collections is facilitated through a consortium-wide interlibrary loan and document delivery system.

For more information on the Ontario Scholars Portal, please link to www.scholarsportal.info/ or contact Alan Darnell, Director, Scholarly Information Resources Project, at 416-946-7706 or via email at alan.darnell@utoronto.ca

About RefWorks

RefWorks was founded by a team of experts in the field of bibliographic database management. They are dedicated to providing a high quality, yet affordably priced product for the academic, government, and corporate communities. RefWorks supports over 460 online databases covering a broad range of subject areas. The collection is compatible with some of the world's most prestigious services, including CSA, BioOne, EBSCO, Elsevier, ISI Web of Science, OCLC, and ProQuest, to name a few. A full list of the services and specific databases covered, along with other product information, can be found at the RefWorks Web site (<http://www.refworks.com/>).

For more information on RefWorks, please link to www.RefWorks.com or contact Tina Long Moir, Vice President, RefWorks Business Development, Sales and Marketing at tmoir@csa.com