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Appointments complete iCORE board

Five new members have been appointed to the board of iCORE (Informatics Circle of Research Excellence), a program launched by the Government of Alberta last fall to attract and retain outstanding leaders in information and communications technology (ICT) research.

The full board, which brings together sixteen renowned members of the Alberta and international information technology community, met for the first time this week. The five new members are:

Dr. James Gosling, Chief Scientist, Java Software Vice President and Fellow, Sun Microsystems Inc.

James Gosling is the original designer of the Java programming language. He received a BSc in Computer Science from the University of Calgary in 1977 and a PhD in Computer Science from Carnegie-Mellon University in 1983.

Dr. William R. Pulleyblank, Director, IBM Deep Computing Institute

In 1997, IBM's computer Deep Blue beat grandmaster Garry Kasparov, the reigning world's chess champion, in a six-game match. Deep Blue shaped the emerging genre of computing called Deep Computing. As Director of the Deep Computing Institute, Dr. Pulleyblank leads a vision that merges computers and data sets – to make sense out of an explosively complex world. Dr Pulleyblank was an instructor at the University of Calgary from 1974 to 1981.

Monica Sloan, Management Consultant

Monica Sloan is a senior executive specializing in the high tech sector, with a strong background in startup organizations and business transformation. She has held a number of senior management positions, including President of Kelman Technologies Inc. and President of Telus Advanced Communications.

Dr. Richard Taylor, Nobel Laureate, Physics Professor, Stanford University

Richard Taylor was born in Medicine Hat, Alberta, and educated at the University of Alberta. He spent over two decades working on various electron scattering equipment at Stanford, with periods at CERN, the European particle physics laboratory near Geneva, Switzerland, and DESY, the German accelerator laboratory in Hamburg. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1990.

John S. Webb, Chairman, Electrobusiness.com

John Webb has been Assistant Vice President of Marketing for Nortel and Senior Vice-President of Marketing and Business Development for Telus. More recently, he was hired as CEO for Cell-Loc Inc., a growing wireless products company, and successfully built the company through a public share offering.

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Other members of the board include:

Dr. Roger S. Smith (Chair)
Vice President (Research and External Affairs), University of Alberta

Dr. Len Bruton
Vice President (Research), University of Calgary

Dr. Elizabeth Cannon
Professor, Department of Geomatics Engineering, University of Calgary

H.S. (Scobey) Hartley
Corporate Management and Marketing consultant, Chairman of the Board, PRISM Petroleum Ltd.,
President of Faster Oilfield Services, Ltd. and Treasurer of Linvest Resources Corporation.

Denis Herard
MLA for Calgary Egmont and Chair of the Government's Information and Communications Technology
Committee

Dr. David Jefferson
Senior Member of the Technical Staff, Compaq Systems Research Centre

Dr. Roger Palmer
Deputy Minister of Innovation and Science

Dr. John C. Samson
Chair, Department of Physics, University of Alberta

Dr. Jonathan Schaeffer
Professor, Computing Science, University of Alberta

George D. Squires
Vice President, Research and Technology, TRILabs (Edmonton)

Dr. Brian W. Unger
President and CEO, iCORE Inc.

iCORE was launched in October 1999 by the Government of Alberta to foster university-based research in ICT with an investment of \$30 million over the next three years. The program is part of a provincial Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Strategy aimed at strengthening and expanding Alberta's technology and knowledge-based economic sectors. The strategy includes a number of initiatives and activities aimed at investing in education, developing Alberta's ICT infrastructure, supporting the growth of ICT business, and investing in research and development.

For more information, visit www.icore.ca.

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