

News from the CCDS offices:

George Dyck, President of the Canadian Centre on Disability Studies, on behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, is pleased to announce that Dr. Olga Krassioukova-Enns has been appointed Executive Director of CCDS. Dr. Krassioukova-Enns has been with the Centre since its inception in 1995. She has been serving as International Director and her duties in that capacity continue

The Board and staff wish to thank Ms. Gwen Friedrich, who has spent the past year as Interim Executive Director, on secondment from her position as Executive Director of COGSASK, in Regina.

CCDS is also pleased to report that Introducing Disability Studies: Critical Social Issues, a project funded by the Office for Learning Technologies, The Winnipeg Foundation, University of Winnipeg, Manitoba Community Connections and CCDS has been completed with the final report available on our website. The goal of the project was the design and delivery of three 3-credit hour university courses on the topic of disability issues using innovative design and technology. The project allowed CCDS to evaluate the effectiveness of the two e-learning technologies, on-line and televised, for persons with disabilities.

Check out the Virtual Museum, a project that CCDS participated in through the Disability Information Network. The site can be found at www.disabilityrightsmuseum.ca/index.php. Support for the project came from the Department of Canadian Heritage through the Canadian Culture Online Program, as a member of the Canadian Network for Inclusive Cultural Exchange project.

This year marks the Tenth Anniversary of The Canadian Centre on Disability Studies, and a series of celebratory events have been planned. For more about these and other upcoming highlights, watch the CCDS home page, www.disabilitystudies.ca, for details as they become available.

The Board would like to commend the staff and many committee volunteers for the enthusiasm displayed in continuing the important work of disability studies, research, education and information dissemination, promoting full and equal participation of people with disabilities in all aspects of society, at home and abroad.