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## ARUCC HONORED WITH PESC 20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

### CEREMONY TO HIGHLIGHT FALL 2017 DATA SUMMIT

Washington, D.C. The Board of Directors of PESC is pleased to recognize the *Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (ARUCC)* as recipient of PESC's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Distinguished Service Award. The Distinguished Service Award, which serves as PESC's opportunity to say thank you for being a champion and leader of student mobility and for making a positive impact on education, will be presented at the opening session of PESC's Fall 2017 Data Summit in Toronto 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

"ARUCC represents 180 Canadian universities, colleges and institutes and over 800 individual members. Our work impacts the entire academic enterprise and supports each student throughout his or her academic journey," states Charmaine Hack, University Registrar at Ryerson University and ARUCC President. "Receiving the 2017 PESC Distinguished Service Award is a tremendous honour and reinforces ARUCC's decision to lead the Canadian discussion with regard to student and data mobility and exchange," she adds.

**ARUCC**, created in 1964 in response to the professional needs of student administrative services personnel in universities, provides leadership in the post-secondary education field and service to its member institutions nationally and internationally, helping foster the advancement of registrarial practices in Canada. (For more information on ARUCC, please visit [www.arucc.ca](http://www.arucc.ca).)



### FALL 2017 DATA SUMMIT

#### *Digital Student Data Depositories Worldwide*

- **drs. HERMAN DE LEEUW**, Executive Director, Groningen Declaration Network

#### *Mobility Down Under: Australia & New Zealand*

- **DR. ANDREW TRNACEK**, CEO, Higher Ed Services
- **ANDY DOWLING**, CEO, Digitary

#### *Blockchain*

- **CHRIS JAGERS**, CEO, Learning Machine

#### *Academic Credentialing*

- **JOELLEN SHENDY**, Associate Vice Provost & Registrar, University of Maryland University College

#### *Diploma Supplement*

- **SIMONE RAVAIOLI**, Digitary

#### *Student Mobility Across Canada*

- **KATHLEEN MASSEY**, Associate Vice President, University of Lethbridge; Former President of ARUCC

#### *In-Depth Look: What's Happening Across Canada*

- **DR. ROB FLEMING**, Executive Director and Co-Chair, British Columbia Council Admissions & Transfer (BCCAT)
- **PHILIP BELANGER**, Executive Director, Council on Articulations & Transfer of New Brunswick (CATNB)
- **LIA QUICKERT**, Executive Director (Interim), Ontario Council on Articulation & Transfer (ONCAT)
- **MICHAEL RINGUETTE**, Coordinator, Canadian Information Centre for International Credentials (CICIC), Council of Ministers of Education Canada (CMEC)
- **HEIDI EMAMI**, Associate Registrar, Academic Records, Exams and Convocations, McGill University

#### *Inside the Groningen Declaration Network Pilot:*

##### *Data Exchange with McGill University and CHESICC*

- **RICARDO TORRES**, President & CEO, National Student Clearinghouse
- **ROMESH VADIVEL**, Assistant Registrar & Director Service Point, McGill University; VP ARUCC

#### *EdExchange and PESC GEO Code*

- **JAMES KELLY**, Senior Director of Technology, Educational Credential Evaluators
- **W. MATT BEMIS**, Associate Registrar, University of Southern California
- **RAJEEV ARORA**, Senior VP Products, Parchment

PESC is also pleased to announce the final program for the Fall 2017 Data Summit. At PESC Data Summits, the education community convenes to provide education and information to attendees on current initiatives and emerging best practices impacting technology and standards; and to promote innovative, collaborative, real solutions that maximize automated, reusable and sustainable technologies in order to improve institutional performance, student and service delivery, and overall connectivity between stakeholders.

Speakers and presenters in General Sessions are leaders and experts spanning education policy, practice and technology. In Breakout Sessions, groups focus on a specific topic of interest (Canadian PESC User Group, Academic Credentialing, Blockchain, JSON Task Force) – check the program for the complete list.

PESC welcomes the General Public and all PESC Members for this historic Fall 2017 Data Summit in Toronto at which PESC will celebrate its 20th Year Anniversary! Founded in 1997 by 30 leading colleges, universities, associations, testing agencies, service providers, government agencies and student financial aid officials, PESC's mission as an open standards-development and standards-setting body has remained true throughout!

The official celebration takes place at the Annual Fall Reception Wednesday October 25, 2017 at 6pm – please join us! Special Sponsorship Opportunities are also available, ask PESC for more details!

**PESC CELEBRATES ITS 20<sup>th</sup> YEAR ANNIVERSARY** October 25-27, 2017 at [EDIINTEROP 2017](#) | PESC Fall 2017 Data Summit to be held at the Radisson Admiral Hotel Harbourfront in Toronto.

**PESC 20<sup>th</sup> YEAR ANNIVERSARY DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER** Mei Hung, Stanford University.

**PESC 2016 BEST PRACTICES COMPETITION 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE WINNER** [Extending the Capacity of Higher Education to Scale the Output of Verified Workforce-Ready Graduates | iQ4 and National Student Clearinghouse](#)

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**PESC IS A PROUD EXHIBITOR** at [AACRAO's Annual Meeting](#), [ARUCC's Annual Meeting](#), and the [Annual STATS-DC Conference](#) of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) of the US Department of Education.

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**IN FULFILLING ITS NON-PROFIT MISSION**, all PESC Approved Standards are available to the education community online free of charge at [www.PESC.org](http://www.PESC.org).

## **ABOUT PESC**

**ESTABLISHED IN 1997 AT THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR HIGHER EDUCATION & HEADQUARTERED IN WASHINGTON DC**, PESC is an international, 501 (c)(3) non-profit, community-based, umbrella association of data, software and education technology service providers; schools, districts, colleges and universities; college, university and state systems; local, state/province and federal government agencies; professional, commercial and non-profit organizations; and non-profit associations & foundations.

### **LEADING THE ESTABLISHMENT & ADOPTION OF DATA EXCHANGE STANDARDS ACROSS THE EDUCATION DOMAIN.**

Through open and transparent community participation, PESC enables cost-effective connectivity between data systems to accelerate performance and service, to simplify data access and research, and to improve data quality along the Education lifecycle. PESC envisions global interoperability within the Education domain, supported by a trustworthy, inter-connected network built by and between communities of interest in which data flows digitally and seamlessly from one community or system to another and throughout the entire eco-system when and where needed without compatibility barriers but in a safe, secure, reliable, legal, and efficient manner.

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