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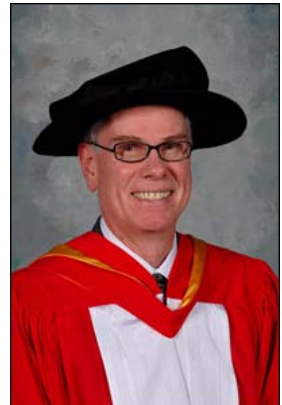
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**FORMER CANARIE PRESIDENT  
HONOURED AT UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA**

**Dr. Andrew K. Bjerring receives honorary degree for  
his invaluable contribution to Canadian research**

**(Winnipeg, Manitoba)** - Founding board member and former CANARIE President, Dr. Andrew K. Bjerring, will be given a prestigious **honorary Doctor of Science degree** today at the University of Manitoba's 42<sup>nd</sup> fall convocation ceremony. Dr. Bjerring's degree is in recognition of his outstanding contributions to advanced networking in Canada.

Dr. Bjerring was the President and CEO of **CANARIE, Canada's Advanced Research and Innovation Network**, from 1993 until his retirement in 2008. His vision helped develop an ultra high-speed network, hundreds of times faster than the internet, to facilitate leading-edge research and big science across Canada and around the world. More than 39,000 researchers at nearly 200 Canadian universities and colleges now use the CANARIE Network, as well as researchers at institutes, hospitals, and government laboratories throughout the country.



"I've always wanted to support Canadian research and innovation with the very best technological resources the world has to offer. The CANARIE Network has become an essential tool to facilitate Canadian research and I'm incredibly proud to have contributed to its creation and development over the years," **said Dr. Bjerring.**

The CANARIE Network enables researchers to share and analyze massive amounts of data, which can lead to ground-breaking scientific discoveries.

"CANARIE simply wouldn't be what it is today without Andy Bjerring. His 15 years of leadership helped develop a network that now facilitates some of the most important research happening across Canada, from advanced brain imaging to space and ocean exploration" **said CANARIE President, Guy Bujold.**

“Dr. Bjerring's work has been of enormous importance to researchers in Canada from coast to coast, enabling us to work together, and with international collaborators, in ways we couldn't have even imagined otherwise,” said **Mark Whitmore, Dean of Science** at the University of Manitoba.

Dr. Bjerring will receive his honorary degree at the University of Manitoba's fall convocation ceremony, commencing at **3:30 pm in the Investors Group Athletic Centre on the Fort Garry Campus.**

### **More on Andrew K. Bjerring**

Over the past two decades, Mr. Bjerring has participated on over two dozen boards and councils dealing with networking and related applications. He is currently active on the Boards of Cybera Inc. and Ocean Networks Canada, as well as participating on the advisory panel for the Alberta Science and Research Investments Program. Prior to his appointment at CANARIE, Mr. Bjerring spent 18 years as a faculty member and then senior administrator at the University of Western Ontario. He obtained his Bachelors of Applied Science degree in electrical engineering from the University of British Columbia, his Masters of Applied Science degree in control systems from the University of Toronto, and his PhD in philosophy of science from the University of Western Ontario.

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### **About CANARIE:**

CANARIE Inc. is Canada's Advanced Research and Innovation Network. Established in 1993, CANARIE manages an ultra high-speed network, hundreds of times faster than the internet, which facilitates leading-edge research and big science across Canada and around the world. More than 39,000 researchers at nearly 200 Canadian universities and colleges use the CANARIE Network, as well as researchers at institutes, hospitals, and government laboratories throughout the country. The CANARIE Network enables researchers to share and analyze massive amounts of data, which can lead to ground-breaking scientific discoveries. CANARIE's network, programs, and strategic partnerships with 12 regional networks in Canada, and 100 international networks in more than 80 countries, stimulate research that delivers economic, social, and cultural benefits to Canadians.

CANARIE is a non-profit corporation supported by membership fees, with major funding of its programs and activities provided by the Government of Canada. For additional information, please visit: [www.canarie.ca](http://www.canarie.ca).

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