CPRN's Annual Report for 2001-2002 – Reclaiming Efficiency

Friday, December 27, 2002 – The theme of CPRN's latest Annual Report may surprise some of you – *Efficiency*.

"Efficiency" has come to conjure up visions of a cold, calculating, narrow, institutional, bottom-line logic. It's a misapprehension fostered by those who remove the idea from its social context, where it is a measure of our effectiveness in meeting human needs and social goals.

In her lead editorial in this year's Annual Report, CPRN's President, Judith Maxwell, argues that the realignment of state and market over the past twenty years has distorted the proper mix of responsibilities among key social actors – the family, the state, the market and the community. Some of the blame, she says, is due to confusion over the meaning of efficiency. She goes on to explain how efficiency can and should be a watchword for smarter *and* more humane social and economic policies.

Read on, and you'll see what CPRN has been up to over the past year and also get a taste of some of our future plans. You'll find stories on each of our Research Networks, news of the organization, its campaign, plenty of pictures of our people, and, of course our financial statements. It's all tied up in a nifty package sporting our new logo!

We hope you enjoy staying abreast of our work and we look forward to an interesting and productive 2003.

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