CPRN Wins Knowledge Broker Award

December 7, 2001 – CPRN has won the Policy Research Initiative's Knowledge Broker Award for 2001.

The award recognizes "innovative practices in the integration and dissemination of policy research". It is intended to "celebrate excellence by Canadian individuals, groups or organizations working in the policy research field, whose work helped facilitate and improve the transfer of knowledge".

CPRN won the award for its project on employment relationships which culminated in the publication of "What's a Good Job? The Importance of Employment Relationships", by Graham Lowe and Grant Schellenberg.

The project demonstrated both knowledge synthesis and innovative knowledge exchange. Policy developers from the public, private and non-profit sectors participated in each stage of the research (through discussion papers, roundtables, small and large group presentations) - in effect, creating a model of "real-time" knowledge exchange.

Dissemination of the results of the project has involved further presentations to audiences of employers, HR professionals, union reps, academics and others. A number of articles have been written for specialty publications, and the final report has garnered widespread mass media coverage. More than 20,000 copies of the report and Powerpoint versions of presentations have been downloaded free from the CPRN Web site.

Finally, the project helped kick-start a new CPRN Web site, www.jobquality.ca, which provides the latest data and comparative data on numerous indicators of job quality at workplaces and in industries from coast to coast.

The Knowledge Broker Award is one of six Canadian Policy Research Awards given each year to recognize and encourage excellence in the advancement and use of research that contributes to public policy development. Winners are selected by independent adjudication committees comprised of representatives from the public and private sectors, academia, think tanks and the voluntary sector.

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