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## **COPPUL 2010 Outstanding Contribution Award Winner**

The Council of Prairie and Pacific University Libraries (COPPUL) is pleased to announce that the winner of its 2010 Outstanding Contribution Award is Mark Jordan, Head of Library Systems, Simon Fraser University.

At the Directors meeting on March 18, 2010, it was agreed that Mark has made exemplary contributions to furthering the COPPUL mission particularly as it relates to systems and preservation matters.

Mark is being recognized primarily for his contributions to the COPPUL Private LOCKSS Network (PLN), but also for his past contributions to the COPPUL Systems Group and the Virtual Western Canadian University Library (VWCUL) and reSearcher projects that ran from 2000-2005.

The COPPUL PLN is a project that utilizes the LOCKSS digital preservation system as a means to archive collections of local significance to members of COPPUL that are not being preserved through any other means. There are only a handful of PLNs currently in production and the COPPUL PLN is the first such initiative in Canada. Mark has played a key role in identifying and resolving technical challenges that had to be overcome to ensure the successful implementation of the network.

The Council of Prairie and Pacific University Libraries (COPPUL) is a consortium of 22 university libraries located in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. Member libraries cooperate to enhance information services through resource sharing, collective purchasing, document delivery, and many other similar activities.

The COPPUL Outstanding Contribution Award is an annual award to recognize exemplary contributions that enhance service in multiple COPPUL libraries. It is open to individuals currently employed by COPPUL member institutions.

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Kim Isaac, Chair, presented the Outstanding Contribution Award to Mark Jordan at the COPPUL dinner in Winnipeg on September 16, 2010.