Canadian Persistent Identifiers (PID) Advisory Committee (CPIDAC)
Terms of Reference
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Purpose
The Canadian Persistent Identifiers Advisory Committee (CPIDAC) will act in the interests of the Canadian scholarly community to provide expertise and advice to the DataCite Canada Consortium Governing Committee and the ORCID-CA Governing Committee on leveraging maximum benefits through national adoption and use of those persistent identifiers (PIDs). The CPIDAC will consider other opportunities to foster adoption of appropriate identifiers within the Canadian research ecosystem.

This will include, but not be limited to:
- Advising the two existing consortia and government research and infrastructure funding bodies on international trends and emergent best practices in the use of PIDs;
- Developing and championing a national implementation strategy for PIDs in Canada;
- Providing advice to key stakeholders on national opportunities to leverage the benefits of DataCite Canada Consortium and ORCID-CA membership.

Membership
The CPIDAC will initially be formed from the members of the former ORCID-CA Advisory Committee and ORCID-CA Implementation Group. CPIDAC membership includes broad representation from Canadian infrastructure providers focused on the integration and implementation of persistent identifiers.

Chair: The CPIDAC members will elect the Chair. The Chair will also sit on either the DataCite Canada Consortium Governing Committee or the ORCID-CA Governing Committee. The Chair serves a term of two years, once renewable.

Vice Chair: The CPIDAC members will elect the Vice Chair who will also sit on either the DataCite Canada Consortium Governing Committee or the ORCID-CA Governing Committee (whichever the Chair is not on). The Vice Chair serves a term of two years, once renewable.

Membership: The CPIDAC, reflecting a diversity of perspectives, is composed of representatives from numerous high-level umbrella organizations and key Canadian research stakeholders.

Organizations are represented on the CPIDAC indefinitely, though their representatives may change periodically. CPIDAC members may identify new organizations to join the committee and new organizations may be invited to join the committee by vote of the current CPIDAC.

The Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN) and the Digital Research Alliance of Canada (the Alliance) provide administrative support to the CPIDAC.

The CPIDAC may include one (1) representative from each stakeholder organization, recognizing that this list may change and that some organizations may not always have a representative at all times. The current list of CPIDAC member institutions and representatives can be found on the CRKN website.

Meeting Frequency
The CPIDAC will meet digitally at least quarterly, or more often as needed. Items may be dealt with outside of meetings via electronic means under the guidance of the Chair as required.