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News Release

Dr. Karen Chad Appointed to Genome Prairie's Board of Directors

Saskatoon, SK - July 29, 2009 Dr. Arnold Naimark, Genome Prairie Board Chair, has announced the appointment of Dr. Karen Chad to Genome Prairie's Board of Directors. Dr. Chad is the Acting Vice-President Research and a kinesiology professor at the University of Saskatchewan.

As the Acting VP, Research, Dr. Chad provides overall leadership for strategic development of research at the University of Saskatchewan, spearheading development of policies and programs designed to promote research, scholarly and artistic work, building partnerships, and ensuring that all levels of government are aware of U of S research excellence interests.

Dr. Chad sits on a number of national boards, including the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada and has chaired or overseen more than 100 key boards, committees, research programs and teams. Honors include a 2004 International Award for "Innovation in Research" and the 2007 National Leadership Award from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada.

With a PhD from the University of Queensland in Australia, she is a faculty member in the U of S College of Kinesiology where she has earned five teaching awards including the 2005 U of S Master Teacher Award. Other honors the YWCA Woman of Distinction (Health and Education) award and in 2006 she was awarded the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal.

"We are very fortunate to have Dr. Chad join our Board," said Dr. Naimark. "Her experience in the health research sector will provide Genome Prairie with important insights as it works to align health, agriculture and environmental genomics research in Saskatchewan and Manitoba."

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Genome Prairie leads large-scale genomics and proteomics research projects in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. With its national and international partners, Genome Prairie has supported nearly \$188 million of research activity in plant, animal and human genomics, bioinformatics, instrumentation development and bioethics since 2000. Through network establishment and regional priority consultations, Genome Prairie facilitates research linkages with funding from provincial governments, industry and Genome Canada – a not-for-profit organization implementing a national strategy in genomics and proteomics research to benefit all Canadians. www.genomeprairie.ca