

To: The SHARCNET Community

cc: SHARCNET Board of Directors

From: Nils Petersen

Chair, SHARCNET Board of Directors

Date: October 27, 2004

Re: <u>Restructuring of SHARCNET</u>

This is to inform you that on October 22, 2004 the SHARCNET Board of Directors approved a new model for the organization that will have a Scientist with a strong research background lead the organization.

The current Executive Director, Carmen Gicante supports the new direction and has made a decision to leave SHARCNET to pursue other opportunities effective November 1<sup>st</sup>. We thank Carmen for his contributions and leadership over the past two and one-half years, in particular positioning SHARCNET as a premier HPC Centre both on the national and international stage and ensuring the successful CFI proposal that will allow for the next stage of expansion.

Dr. Hugh Couchman, the Scientific Director, will assume leadership of SHARCNET.