



## **CBIE MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Dr. Vianne Timmons, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Regina, to chair Canada's organization for international education**

*Ottawa, November 25, 2008* – The Board of Directors of the Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE) is pleased to announce that Dr. Vianne Timmons, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Regina, has been appointed Chair-designate for 2008-09, becoming Chair of the national organization in November 2009.

CBIE President Jim Fox praised Dr. Timmons as “an articulate advocate of international education” and as “an educational leader who recognizes that quality education must have a global reach in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.” He further noted that Dr. Timmons advances to the Chair of CBIE having already served with distinction in many roles within the organization, including chairing national roundtables and the Board Committee on External Relations. He concluded by saying “international education is important to Canada’s status in the world and to its economy; Saskatchewan in recent years has been playing a national leadership role in international education and is well positioned to take on a greater role globally in the years ahead.”

For the first time in its history CBIE will be chaired in succession by two education leaders from the same province. Dr. Robert McCulloch, President and CEO of the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST), is the current Chair of the CBIE Board of Directors; he will be succeeded by Dr. Timmons next year.

CBIE, Canada’s national organization for international education, has a membership of more than 200 universities, colleges, school boards and associates. It promotes international understanding through education and advocates on behalf of international learners. Its activities include research and professional development, scholarship and educational exchange programs, international development projects and the export of Canadian educational services. The affairs of CBIE are managed by a professional secretariat located in Ottawa.

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