

## **PBUQ's affiliation with Université de Montréal is postponed**

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On May 1, 2023, the Executive Committee of the BCI's (Bureau de coopération interuniversitaire) Board of Directors held a meeting during which the affiliation process between PBUQ (Partenariat des bibliothèques universitaires du Québec) and its new legal representative, Université de Montréal, was postponed until September 1, 2023. The original date was planned on May 1 of the same year.

There are two reasons for this postponement. First, the PBUQ's Rules of Governance were ratified later than expected because the BCI's Board of Directors adopted some amendments on April 14, 2023. As such, the member institutions are required to sign again the Rules of Governance and the Agreement between PBUQ and its new legal representative. This should be completed by the end of May. Secondly, BCI and Université de Montréal still had to agree on certain legal issues at the end of April.

Because the process is postponed, the support team, tools and current BCI activities will be become affiliated with Université de Montréal on September 1, 2023. However, we are currently pursuing our efforts to fill the vacant positions on the PBUQ support team in preparation for this date.

Many people have been working actively since the beginning of 2023 to ensure a smooth transition for BCI, Université de Montréal and PBUQ's support team. We also have to amend several dozen content and software licences with our vendors to include PBUQ's new legal representative.

We undertook this lengthy process to build a consensus-building structure within PBUQ to develop more collective projects and services that meet the information needs of Quebec's academic community. Despite this postponement, we are finally close to our goal!

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