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## **Open Text chairman to discuss Canada's future with Laurier business students**

WATERLOO – Tom Jenkins, executive chairman and chief strategy officer for Open Text Corporation, will present *Canada 3.0: Advancing Canada's Digital Future* at Wilfrid Laurier University on Monday, April 5 in the Senate and Board Chamber, starting at noon.

Jenkins' presentation, which is part of Laurier's Innovation & Entrepreneurship Speaker Series, is aimed at students but is open to the public and the news media.

"Tom is an inspiration and a role model for Laurier's young entrepreneurs," said event organizer Steve Farlow, executive director of Laurier's Schlegel Centre for Entrepreneurship. "This is a thoughtful and progressive initiative that will play a key role in the growth and prosperity of this region."

Recognized as one of the "100 Most Influential People" in the world of Knowledge Management by KMWorld for five years in a row, Jenkins has been involved with the Internet since it emerged as a major public network in the early 1990s. He has held executive positions at Open Text since 1995 and was instrumental in the creation of one of the first Internet search engines used by Netscape, Yahoo!, and IBM. Open Text is the largest independent provider of enterprise content management software and solutions worldwide.

Jenkins holds an MBA in entrepreneurship and technology management, an MASc in electrical engineering, and a Bachelor of Engineering & Management in engineering physics and commerce.

Founded in 2003, the Innovation & Entrepreneurship Speaker Series is hosted by the Schlegel Centre for Entrepreneurship within Laurier's School of Business & Economics. Past speakers include prominent Canadian entrepreneurs such as Jim Balsillie, CEO, RIM; David Chilton, author of *The Wealthy Barber*; and Cam Heaps, co-founder of Steam Whistle Brewery.