

## Biographical Sketch

### **Ann Cavoukian, Ph.D. Commissioner**

Dr. Ann Cavoukian is recognized as one of the leading privacy experts in the world. An avowed believer in the role that technology can play in protecting privacy, Dr. Cavoukian's leadership has seen her office develop a number of tools and procedures to ensure that privacy is protected in Ontario – and around the world. Dr. Cavoukian is Ontario's first Information and Privacy Commissioner to be re-appointed for an unprecedented third term. Initially appointed in 1997, her role in overseeing the operations of the freedom of information and privacy laws in Canada's most populous province has been extended to 2014. Like the Auditor General, she serves as an Officer of the Legislature, independent of the government of the day.

Noted for her seminal work on Privacy Enhancing Technologies in 1995, her mantra of "privacy by design" seeks to embed privacy into the design specifications of technology, thereby achieving the strongest protections.

Dr. Cavoukian's published works include *Who Knows: Safeguarding Your Privacy in a Networked World* (1997), written with Don Tapscott, and, *The Privacy Payoff: How Successful Businesses Build Customer Trust* (2002), written with Tyler Hamilton.