Aurora Research Initiative (ARI)

Initialization Log (v1.0.0)

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This document records the initialization and foundational events of the **Aurora Research Initiative (ARI)**. All entries in this file are **append-only** and represent the authoritative provenance chain for ARI's institutional development.

Entry 0001 — Establishment of ARI Repository

Date: 2025-11-26
Recorded by: Institutional Coordinator (Shawn C. Wright)

Summary:
The Aurora Research Initiative repository was created to serve as the institutional governance layer for the Aurora Workflow Orchestration ecosystem (AWO, CRI-CORE, and affiliated scientific case studies).

Documents established at initialization: - `README.md`
- `architecture/ARI_ARCHITECTURE.md`
- `governance/GOVERNANCE_MODEL.md`

Rationale:
A dedicated repository is required to: - prevent governance drift
- formalize epistemic and institutional structure
- separate governance from method and tooling layers
- provide a stable provenance trail
- ensure clarity for future audits and scientific reproducibility

Impact:
This marks the beginning of ARI's formal institutional existence and the foundational commit for all future governance, epistemic, and architectural expansion.

Entry 0002 — Activation of Governance Structure

Date: 2025-11-26
Recorded by: Institutional Coordinator

Summary:
Initial governance roles and responsibilities were defined within
`GOVERNANCE_MODEL.md`. This establishes the first version of: - role
separation
- oversight logic
- decision authority model
- governance prohibitions
- logging requirements

Rationale:
Clear governance rules are necessary before AWO v4.2 stabilization,
CRI-CORE implementation, or case study integration.

Impact:
ARI governance enters v1.0.0 baseline state. All future governance
decisions must comply with and be logged according to this model.

Entry 0003 — Architecture Definition

Date: 2025-11-26
Recorded by: Institutional Coordinator

Summary:
The `ARI_ARCHITECTURE.md` document was created defining ARI's
hierarchical position, interfaces with AWO and CRI-CORE, and its
institutional responsibilities.

Rationale:
A clear architectural understanding is required before metadata
policies, epistemic doctrine, or roadmap development can proceed.

Impact:
The architecture baseline is formally established, enabling the next-
phase development of epistemic, metadata, and governance
expansion.

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*All future entries must follow this structure and be appended
chronologically.*