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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS JOHN DANAHY, JANE DURANTE, AND SARAH LACOMBE HONOURED WITH CSLA RECOGNITION AWARDS

April 29th, 2015 - The Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA) is pleased to announce that:

- Professor John Danahy, OALA, CSLA, was awarded the CSLA Teaching Award
- Jane Durante, RCA, MBCSLA, FCSLA, ASLA was awarded the Schwabenbauer Award, and
- Sarah Lacombe, AAPQ, was awarded the Emerging Professional Award.

The CSLA Recognition Awards honour the work and commitment of Canadians to the profession of landscape architecture.



The **Teaching Award** recognizes an individual who has made a substantial and significant contribution to landscape architecture education.

This year's recipient, **Professor John Danahy**, is a Full Professor of Landscape Architecture with a cross appointment in Computer Science at the University of Toronto. He has been a Full Member of the OALA and CSLA since 1985. He graduated from the University of Toronto with a BLA in 1977, a certificate in Urban Design from the Royal Danish Academy of Art in 1978 and a Master of Science in Urban and Regional Planning in 1983 from University of Toronto. He is Co-director of the Centre for Landscape Research, and a member of the Cities Centre and the Knowledge Media Design Institute. He has taught in landscape architecture, urban design, planning, architecture, computer science and knowledge media design. His core

teaching included design studios and thesis as well as specialized courses focused on social life and human factors design. Beginning in the early 1980's he pioneered teaching 3D interactive CAD and GIS using the Polytrium software he and his colleagues in the CLR created to teach landscape architecture and use in practice.



The **Schwabenbauer Award** is awarded to a member of the CSLA in recognition of their unselfish and devoted service to the CSLA at the national level over a period of not less than five years.

This year's recipient, **Jane Durante**, is a founding member of the firm of Durante Kreuk in British Columbia and has been the Secretary Treasurer of the CSLA College of Fellows for the last 10 years. In that role, Jane deftly manages the business affairs of the College, (a standing committee of the CSLA). Amongst her many activities, she oversees the annual nominations of new fellow-elects to the College

of Fellows including: organizing and ensuring the time-sensitive jury adjudication of the nominees, informing the College Executive Board of the results and the fellow-elects of their nominations, preparing the induction ceremony and ultimately assisting in presenting the awards. Over the years Jane has also helped develop the yearly fundraising Campaign of Fellows in support of the Landscape Architecture Foundation of Canada that calls on CSLA members and Fellows to support this worthy cause. Jane was also responsible for the organization of two landscape architecture congresses in Vancouver: one for IFLA, a conference for landscape architects from around the world, (1981); the other for the CSLA (1986). In addition Jane was instrumental in the redesign of Fellow medals whereby she instigated a call for

proposals to come up with a new and contemporary design. A British Columbian artist designed the current contemporary version of the medal that sets a new standard of 'elegant design' in keeping with the honor it symbolizes. Fellows wear this unique medal with considerable pride. Jane's many contributions to the College over the last decade have helped ensure the reputation and standing of the College of Fellows within (and outside) the CSLA. Jane also acts as a public art consultant leading curatorial teams to add aesthetic and cerebral value to parks and projects in the public domain of the Lower Mainland of British Columbia. She has sat on numerous juries considering urban design, buildings and/or landscapes across the country. These would include the CSLA Awards juries, the Vancouver Art Gallery Architectural Competition Tech Review Committee, the architectural jury for the new Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg, as well as many other competitions. Jane sat on the Advisory Design Panel of the National Capital Commission in Ottawa from 1987 to 1992, and the Provincial Capital Commission Board in Victoria from 2002 to 2012.



The **Emerging Professional Award** is intended for emerging professionals who have demonstrated professional excellence in the field of practice, positively impact their vocations and communities, have shown leadership in the profession, and demonstrate passion and enthusiasm for the profession of landscape architecture.

This year's recipient is **Sarah Lacombe**. A graduate in Landscape Architecture at the University of Montréal, Sarah Lacombe also holds a diploma in Ornamental Horticulture from the Montreal Botanical Garden. After a 4-year bachelor's degree, she developed an interest and curiosity that led her to constantly search for landscape architecture projects to feature on her blog. *Le pamphlet* is a web platform that highlights Canadian and international projects, articles, events and other media related to landscape architecture, and is aimed at feeding the imagination of landscape architects, artists, urban planners, architects, horticulturists and other enthusiasts who are passionate about design and development. After three years, *Le pamphlet* has carved itself a place among the field's major web media, as it is the only known French language landscape architecture site. Her passion for plants also led her to pursue a long-time project, a botanical magazine entitled *Bosquet*, on which she has been working with a graphic designer for almost two years. In addition to her personal projects, Sarah Lacombe pursues her career as a landscape architect with Groupe Rousseau Lefebvre, where she has been working for over two years.

The Recognition Awards will be given at the CSLA Gala to be held on Saturday, May 23rd, 2015, at the Hilton Mexico City Reforma, during the CSLA 2015 Congress in Mexico.

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The **CSLA Congress**, to be held May 20-23, 2015 at the Hilton Mexico City Reforma in Mexico City, is the premier networking and educational event for the growing Canadian landscape architecture profession. The CSLA represents all major decision-makers from Canada's landscape architecture profession, including landscape architects from private practices, educational facilities, municipalities, government ministries and agencies.

The **Canadian Society of Landscape Architects** (CSLA) is a professional organization with over 1,900 landscape architects as members represented by provincial and territorial associations plus academic programs across the nation. As the voice of the profession in Canada, the CSLA is an advocate for its members on issues such as urban renewal, sustainable development and cultural heritage.

For more information about the Congress, including the provisional program and speaker abstracts, visit <http://www.csla-aapc.ca/events/2015-congress>.

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