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Dr. Mary-Ellen Tyler to Receive Honorary CSLA Membership



Ottawa – 16 May 2016 - The Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA) is pleased to announce that Dr. Mary-Ellen Tyler will be awarded honorary membership in the CSLA at a gala to be held during the CSLA Congress on June 25th, 2016, at the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg. Honorary membership is awarded by the CSLA to persons who have performed notable service in advancing the cause of landscape architecture.

Dr. Tyler has interdisciplinary graduate degrees in environmental design and resource management and close to forty years of professional practice and research in environmental planning, landscape ecology, water resource management, and ecological design. She has participated in international projects in China, Thailand, Mexico, Peru and Ecuador and has received NSERC, SSHRC, CMHC, and Canadian Water Network support

for research related to urbanizing watersheds, land use and water management, and cumulative effects of energy development in landscapes and watersheds.

Dr. Tyler has worked professionally for Landscape Architecture and Planning firms in Alberta and BC and the Government of Canada in a number of roles related to planning and design of major resource development projects. Her first academic appointment was in the University of Waterloo's School of Urban and Regional Planning. Subsequently, she served as Associate Dean of Architecture at University of Manitoba where she taught in both City Planning and Landscape Architecture and in 1998 was appointed as Dean of the Faculty of Environmental Design at the University of Calgary.

She was a founder of the Alberta Low Impact Development Partnership, a member of Infrastructure Canada's national working group on municipal infrastructure and land use best practice, and served as a member of the CSLA's Accreditation Council for five years. She is a co-recipient of an international juried award of merit for her urban ecological design work on the Okotoks Sustainable Community Design project and received an achievement award from the Grand River Conservation Authority for her ecological restoration work. She has supervised the completion of close to one hundred graduate students during her academic career and has received two awards for excellence in graduate supervision. Dr. Tyler recently played a major role in the successful development of the new Master of Landscape Architecture program at the University of Calgary.

According to landscape architect Ron Middleton, AALA, FCSLA:

Dr. Tyler has shown herself to be a steadfast friend of the profession of landscape architecture and an individual who, in her own career, has demonstrated dedication to the ideals of environmental stewardship and sustainable development. She has been an inspiration to both students and fellow professionals.

The **CSLA Congress**, to be held June 23-25, 2016 at the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg, 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. In addition, the CSLA accredits several academic landscape architecture programs across the nation.

Landscape architects today are engaged in the design, planning and management of urban, rural and natural environments in all Canadian provinces and territories and in many countries worldwide. Canadian landscape architects are well-regarded for their vision, creativity, sensitivity and practicality in all aspects of professional practice, creating unique functional outdoor spaces for our citizens, as well as protecting and enhancing the environment. The CSLA is the organization which gives landscape architects a national voice and, through its provincial component associations, regulates the profession of landscape architecture through licensing or certification of its members.

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