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*Ingrid Parent: Deserving Recipient of IFLA Honorary Fellow Award*

(Ottawa, August 20, 2015) – The Canadian Library Association and ASTED congratulate Ms. Ingrid Parent, University Librarian from the University of British Columbia (UBC) in Vancouver, British Columbia, on being awarded the prestigious IFLA Honorary Fellow Award for 2015. [Honorary Fellow](#) is IFLA's highest award and is awarded on the basis of merit for long and distinguished service to IFLA.

"I am honored to receive this award from IFLA, an association that I have been actively involved with over the last twenty years," said Parent, upon receiving confirmation of the award. "It has been a privilege to serve IFLA and to bring this level of international engagement in our profession to UBC and Canada."

As a long-standing and eclectic contributor to IFLA since 1995 when she began her term as Chair of the IFLA Cataloguing Section Standing Committee culminating in her term as IFLA President from 2011 to 2013, Ms. Parent has proven herself an exemplary leader who both honoured and enhanced IFLA's international mandate.

"I am delighted that Ingrid Parent is the 2015 recipient of IFLA's Honorary Fellow" said Dr. Guy Berthiaume, Librarian and Archivist of Canada. "As a past president of IFLA, an ongoing contributor to its governing bodies as well as a constant champion of the professional expertise, the innovative potential, and the fundamental cultural value of libraries, Ingrid Parent is wholly deserving of IFLA's highest honour."

As Canada's first IFLA President, Ms. Parent helped to change the consciousness of library networks and professionals within Canada. She positioned IFLA not only as an essential international body, but also as a close and meaningful advocate of issues Canadian librarians share with our peers around the globe. "Her engagement with the international library community has always been a feature of her professional commitment", stated Sandra Singh, CLA President, "however, the quality of an international leader is always expressed in their ability to remain meaningfully engaged in the issues of concern to their home constituency, and in this way Ingrid truly demonstrated her dedication to library priorities and professionals not only on the world stage, but also within Canada."

The award was presented to Ms. Parent in Cape Town, South Africa today during the closing ceremony of the World Library and Information Congress.

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The Canadian Library Association/Association canadienne des bibliothèques is Canada's largest national and broad-based library association, representing the interests of public, academic, school and special libraries, professional librarians and library workers, and all those concerned with enhancing the quality of life of Canadians through information and literacy.

ASTED is a scientific and cultural national professional association. Founded in 1973, it is dedicated to the advancement of library and documentation science and techniques through the expertise of its members, its publications, its activities, its services and its ties to other organizations in the field and to society in general.

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