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To Andreas Matheus,

In recognition of your continuing contributions to the creation and advancement of OGC Standards, the Board of Directors of the OGC is honored to present you with the 2024 Kenneth D. Gardels Award.

You are recognized as an ideal example of an OGC member by previous Gardels Award winners in response to your persistence in ensuring best practices in security and API design in OGC. A member of the nominating committee noted that you have "been the go-to security expert for almost as long as OGC has existed." Another committee member highlighted "your dedication on security and citizen science has been constant and you are fully focused on promoting OGC solutions and other Standards for security." You have contributed both in your participation as a chair and active member of many Working Groups and through your expertise provide to Collaborative Solutions and Innovation (COSI) initiatives.

We thank you for chairing the Security, Citizen Science, and Blockchain and Distributed Ledgers Domain Working Groups and the GeoXACML and OWS Common – Security Standards Working Groups. We also appreciate your efforts as the principal editor for several OGC Testbed Engineering Reports and both the GeoXACML and OWS Web Services Security Standards. Your tireless voice of expertise on security matters continues to be critical to OGC activities, which exemplifies the values associated with the Gardels Award.

Kenn Gardels is remembered for his principles, courage, and humility, and for his accomplishments in promoting spatial technologies to address the needs of humanity. We thank you for your dedication and achievement, and for exemplifying these ideals to which we as a community all aspire. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Open Geospatial Consortium, and with the unanimous support of the Gardels Award Committee, it is with the greatest personal pleasure that I present you with the 2024 Kenneth D. Gardels Award.

For the OGC Board of Directors:

Prashant Shukle Chair