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To Joan Masó Pau

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 2018 Kenneth D. Gardels Award.

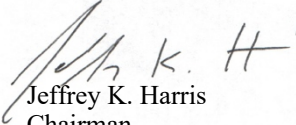
As an exemplary OGC member, you were called ‘the hardest working OGC member out there’ by award nominating committee members, themselves former Gardels Award winners. You have shown unprecedented energy in contributing to the mission of the Consortium: leading numerous Domain and Standards Working Groups, as well as the Iberian and Latin American Forum; contributing your expertise to the OGC Architecture Board; providing invaluable effort on one of OGC’s most widely adopted standards, the Web Map Tile Service; and all while remaining very active in the OGC Innovation Program and maintaining consistently high-quality results in all your work.

You have also taken the substantial step to chair the OGC Web Services Common (OWS Common) SWG and to effectively lead complex discussions concerning this technically challenging and contentious issue. As a direct outcome as a result of your leadership, real progress is occurring.

We thank you for demonstrating the true spirit of the OGC by dedicating so much of your time and effort to the development of innovative open standards. Your technical expertise, passion for addressing interoperability challenges, the depth and breadth of your engagement with members in OGC program activities, along with your positive ‘can do’ attitude exemplify the values associated with the Gardels award. You have made the difficult choice to chair several Working Groups and in doing so, bring the mission of OGC to the forefront: “to promote geospatial interoperability.” The Consortium is a better organization due to your efforts and leadership.

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 2018 Kenneth D. Gardels Award.

For the OGC Board of Directors:



Jeffrey K. Harris
Chairman