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Allan Doyle
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Allan,

In recognition of your contribution to the advancement of the values of the OpenGIS process the Board of Directors of the OpenGIS Consortium is honored to present you with this year's Kenneth D. Gardels Award.

This award cites the leadership you have exhibited in helping to guide the OpenGIS Technical process during your tenure as both Technical and Management Committee representative, and represents a strong affirmation of those qualities of humanity, principle and civility which have characterized your participation at all levels of consortium activity, and which have so clearly and meaningfully raised the level of discourse which characterizes the geospatial interoperability issue in our community.

In particular, this award is also an expression of our belief that by initiating and contributing your unique talents to the development the Web Mapping effort, you have given a gift of great value not just to our immediate community but to the world community of information users and public service organizations as well. Without your vision, initiative, and diligent efforts, it is unlikely that the OpenGIS community would be capable now of providing the truly "open" facilities needed to enable the world's citizenry to freely locate spatial information on the world-wide-web, and to use that information to enrich their daily activities.

This award is just a symbol which can only represent the true value of your contribution which, in our opinion, will be measured in the coming years in terms of people helped, lives saved, businesses and governments made more efficient, and society in general made more aware of the vital issues on which their welfare depends.

OpenGIS Specifications and Web Mapping are, of course, the fruit of the combined intellect and participation of many of your colleagues working in the OpenGIS community, but with this award the Board of Directors of the OpenGIS Consortium wishes to recognize the unique value and significance of your contribution, as well as the qualities of character and vision which so richly represent the highest ideals of the Kenneth D Gardels Award, and the community that has invested it with its highest value.

Sincerely,

David Schell
President