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ARIDO Honours Interior Design Educators

Toronto, ON – March 12, 2010 – The Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario (ARIDO) announced the recipients of its Education Leadership Award at its Annual General Meeting, held March 11 in Toronto. This award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated excellence in developing curriculum and instructing studies related to interior design at a post-secondary institution in North America.

This year's recipients are both from the University of Minnesota. Dr. Caren Martin is an assistant professor of interior design and Dr. Denise Guerin is a Morse-alumni distinguished professor and director of interior design. Together, they authored *The Interior Design Profession's Body of Knowledge: Its Definition and Documentation* for ARIDO in 2001 and *The Interior Design Profession's Body of Knowledge, 2005 Edition*. They are currently working on a 2010 edition.

"These two educators have done an incredible amount to advance the profession of interior design. The Body of Knowledge is the fundamental research document for our profession and their continued commitment to its evolution is both remarkable and invaluable. They are held in high regard within the international interior design community and ARIDO is pleased to be able to honour them with this award," says Deborah Rutherford, president.

Martin and Guerin also co-created *InformeDesign*[®], which transforms research into an easy-to-read, easy-to-use format for architects, graphic designers, housing specialists, interior designers, landscape architects, urban designers and planners, as well as the public. Martin serves as director and Guerin is coordinator of *InformeDesign*[®]. They are also co-editors of the book, *The State of the Interior Design Profession* (2010, Fairchild).

Before earning her master's and PhD, Martin practiced institutional, corporate, and health-care interior design and project management for nearly 20 years. Her scholarship focuses on opportunities and threats facing the interior design profession. Martin authored "Rebuttal of the Report by the Institute for Justice Entitled Designing Cartels: How Industry Insiders Cut Out Competition" (*Journal of Interior Design*, 2008), and the book, *Interior Design: From Practice to Profession* (ASID, 2007).

Dr. Denise A. Guerin earned bachelor's, master's, and a PhD in interior design. She teaches undergraduate studies, ethics and professional practice, and interior design research methods. She also advises both master's and PhD students. Guerin's research focuses on post-occupancy evaluation in sustainable buildings and implementation of evidence-based design in practice. She is a recipient of the International Interior Design Association (IIDA) Michael Tatum Excellence in Education Award, the National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) Louis Tregue Award, and the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) Distinguished Educator for 2007.

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