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ARIDO Honours Key Players in the Interior Design Community

Toronto, ON – April 3, 2007 – The Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario (ARIDO) is pleased to announce the newest additions to its prestigious Honours and Fellows awards program. At ARIDO's Annual General Meeting, held on March 28 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, five key players in the interior design community received ARIDO's highest honours.

A Fellow is a present or previous Registered ARIDO member whom the Board of Management has deemed as having contributed significantly to the welfare of the Association. This year, Irving Ellman of Ellman Design Inc. received a Fellowship Award. A past-president of the Association, Ellman has been a dedicated volunteer with ARIDO for over 20 years. Ellman has served on numerous ARIDO committees, including the Membership, Nominations, Complaints and By-Laws Committees. As a visible industry figure, he has also sat on juries for the ARIDO Awards and the IIDEX Product and Booth Awards.

Marian Marshall and Donna Cummings, who together founded the design firm Marshall Cummings in 1975, received Fellowship Awards for their long-time support of the profession. Over the years, Marshall Cummings has been the launch pad for many ARIDO members. Clifford Atkinson of Atkinson + Design Inc. received the final Fellowship Award. An award-winning interior designer, Atkinson has trained numerous corporate designers in Ontario. Atkinson, Cummings and Marshall approached design in a manner that made them industry forerunners; they were some of the first interior designers to provide complete design and project management services.

Honorary memberships are presented to non-ARIDO members who the Board of Management, in consultation with the Board of Governors, believes have contributed to the greater recognition or betterment of the interior design profession or the applied arts. This year, Mike Keilhauer received Honorary membership, joining only 20 other Honorary members. As president of the extraordinarily successful commercial seating company Keilhauer, he has committed himself and his company to the design process, to Canadian design and to providing excellent service to interior designers. Since 1984, his company has exhibited at ARIDO's IIDEX/NeoCon Canada.

About ARIDO

ARIDO is currently a voluntary professional association for Interior Designers in Ontario. ARIDO's mandate is to serve the interests of both the public and the interior design industry. It does so by registering Interior Designers who voluntarily meet required standards of education, experience and examination. For more information on ARIDO, please visit www.arido.ca.