



13 September 2017

To Marie-Françoise Voidrot:

In recognition of your substantial contribution to the advancement and promotion of OGC standards, the Board of Directors of the OGC is honored to present you with the 2017 Kenneth D. Gardels Award.

As a member of the OGC, your contributions have been significant and enduring. We would like to recognize your ability to champion and generate enthusiasm for OGC standards in both the international Met-Ocean community and Météo-France. As co-chair of the OGC Meteorological & Oceanography Domain Working Group, you have ensured that time-dependent and multi-dimensional data are properly defined and supported by OGC services. Thanks to your leadership, the OGC Met-Ocean DWG has been able to leverage the OGC structure and to extend the working group's reach by convening meetings with associated and related groups across the wider international community. In particular, you have been instrumental in improving the strategic relationship between the OGC and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). These accomplishments as well as your leadership in facilitating approval and publication of numerous documents from the Met-Ocean DWG have been key to OGC providing enhanced interoperability in the meteorological community.

Your influence and contributions to the OGC mission have extended well-beyond the Met-Ocean domain to other OGC working groups and activities, including the OGC France Forum in which you helped to coordinate and promote OGC standards awareness drive improved adoption in France.

We thank you for demonstrating the true spirit of the OGC in striving for what is best for the geospatial community. You have dedicated countless hours to OGC activities, including leading, attending and actively participating in Technical Committee Meetings. In all this work, you have demonstrated exemplary personal expertise and social commitment providing high value to the Consortium.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, and with the unanimous support of the Gardels Award Committee, it is with the greatest personal pleasure that I present you with the 2017 Kenneth D. Gardels Award. You have exemplified the principles, courage, humility, and accomplishments in promoting spatial technologies to address the needs of humanity that characterized Kenn Gardels' career and life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Harris", is written over a faint, light-colored signature line.

Jeffrey K. Harris
Chairman