

OpenGIS

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Ron Lake
Galdos Systems, Inc.

To Ron Lake:

In recognition of your many contributions to the development of OpenGIS® Specifications, and to the advancement of the Consortium's vision of interoperable geoprocessing, the Board of Directors of the Open GIS Consortium is honored to present you with this year's Kenneth D. Gardels Award.

This award recognizes your many achievements over the years, your loyalty to the ideals of the Consortium process, and the spirit of enthusiasm that you bring to the work of our community. From the earliest meetings of the Open GIS Technical Committee, you have exhibited intellectual leadership and a true sense of innovation, while at the same time demonstrating a unique ability to craft consensus solutions when confronted with the most contentious disputes.

In particular, this award recognizes your great achievement in creating the Geography Markup Language (GML), and your uniquely sensitive and effective work to promote the reconciliation of national differences to promote meaningful standardization of GML on a global level.

The Kenneth D. Gardels Award was conceived to memorialize the vision of a man who believed passionately in making the world a better place through the humane application of information technology. In your contribution to the community achievement of the Consortium process, you have done much to realize that vision and give practical form to the ideals on which it is based.

In making this award, the OGC Board of Directors wishes to convey its deep appreciation for your service, and gratitude for the gift of excellence you have so generously shared with your fellow members, a gift of lasting significance which will serve as an example for future members and which promises to guide the accomplishment of the consortium for years to come.

Sincerely,

David Schell
President