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CLAUDE BONNELLY
WINNER OF CARL AWARD OF MERIT

OTTAWA, August 7, 2008 – Mr. Claude Bonnelly, former University Librarian at Université Laval, was named recipient of the CARL Award of Merit, which was presented at a special reception held during the 2008 IFLA General Conference in Quebec City.

The award was made to Mr. Bonnelly in recognition of his exceptional leadership in the development of Canadian research libraries and librarianship through his publications and deep involvement over many years in numerous library organizations, including IFLA.

“Research libraries and librarianship in Canada and beyond have been greatly enriched by the work over so many years by Claude Bonnelly,” stated CARL President Leslie Weir. “Over the course of his career spanning almost 40 years at the Library of Université Laval, Claude Bonnelly has championed a number of innovative projects that have kept the institution a leading Canadian research library, often playing a crucial role in the translation of new technologies and ideas across language communities. His career has been characterized by wide consultation and collaboration, both nationally and internationally.”

Claude Bonnelly joined the Library at Université Laval in 1971 and was Director from 1988 until his retirement in 2006. At Laval, he promoted the development of the virtual library, the institutional digital repository, and the library-based electronic publication of various Quebec-based scholarly journals. Nationally, he took a leading role in the creation of the Canada-wide online local history project “Our Roots/Nos Racines” and served for many years on the Board of the Canadian Institute for Historical Microreproduction (CIHM), of which he was also President. Mr. Bonnelly was a very active Director in CARL. He served on the Board of Directors in 1991 – 92, and was very active in many committees and working groups, including Chair of the Task Force on Statistics and Measurement. He has also served as President of the Libraries Sub-Committee of the Conférence des recteurs et des principaux des universités du Québec (CREPUQ). Internationally, he has been very active with the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) serving on a number of committees; as well as IFLA, serving as Chair of both the Organizational Committee and National Advisory Committee for the 74th Meeting of the Association, which, thanks greatly to his efforts, is being held in Quebec City, Canada. Claude Bonnelly has published a number of scholarly and professional papers and has been a frequent speaker at professional conferences.

“We are pleased to offer this award to Mr. Bonnelly.” added Ernie Ingles, CARL Vice-President/President-Elect. “It is a wonderful opportunity for his peers to offer recognition for a long and successful career of leadership, innovation, and collaboration for the advancement of libraries and the profession.”

CARL is the leadership organization for the Canadian research library community. The Association’s members are the 27 major academic research libraries across Canada plus Library and Archives Canada, the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI) and the Library of Parliament. CARL members are the backbone of Canada’s intellectual holdings in all disciplines.

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