Les amis de la montagne and the City of Montreal award the Prix du Mont-Royal to Dinu Bumbaru of Heritage Montreal

Montreal, May 25, 2016 — Heritage Montreal is delighted to announce that its policy director, Dinu Bumbaru, C.M., was awarded the Prix du Mont-Royal, on the 140th anniversary of the inauguration of Mount Royal Park. The award, presented by Réal Ménard, member of the Executive Committee of the City of Montreal responsible for sustainable development, the environment, large parks and green spaces, and Peter A. Howlett, C.M., President of Les amis de la montagne, highlights Mr. Bumbaru’s commitment and contribution to the protection and enhancement of Mount Royal, one of the most important historical and natural emblems of our metropolis.

Mr. Bumbaru’s actions include his role in developing the first Plan for the Conservation and Restoration of Mount Royal (1992), and updating it six years later. A few years later, he actively participated in the process that led, in 2005, to the adoption of the Quebec government’s by-law to create the Historic and Natural District of Mount Royal, then to Mount Royal as a heritage site when the Cultural Heritage Act came into effect in October 2012. He also sits on the Table de concertation du Mont-Royal, which brings together key players in the protection, territorial enhancement and harmonious development of the Mount Royal heritage site.

Robert Turgeon, President of Heritage Montreal’s Board of Directors, enthusiastically welcomed this important recognition: “For the last 35 years, Dinu Bumbaru has been working tirelessly to preserve and enhance Montreal’s built, urban and landscape heritage. His internationally recognized expertise, his passionate commitment to the cause and his many accomplishments have earned him great esteem among the players in the field, as attested by this Prix du Mont-Royal. At Heritage Montreal, we are extremely proud to be in the company of this man who watches over heritage, here and elsewhere with such intelligence and creativity.”

Dinu Bumbaru has worked for Heritage Montreal since 1982. He is also involved in many other organizations in addition to playing an important role on the international level with the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), a nongovernmental organization that advises UNESCO on cultural heritage. This important recognition is one of the many honours Mr. Bumbaru has received over the years.

About Heritage Montreal
For 40 years, Heritage Montreal has worked to promote and to protect the architectural, historic, natural and cultural heritage of Greater Montreal, its neighbourhoods and communities. A private non-profit organization, Heritage Montreal is at the heart of an extensive network of partners, working through education and representation to celebrate, develop and preserve Montreal’s identity and uniqueness.

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