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The Quebec Order of Architects handed an Excellence in Architecture Award to the University of Toronto in Mississauga and to Saucier + Perrotte architects for the CCT - Communication, Culture and Technology Building – project.

Montreal, Thursday, September 13, 2007 – The Quebec Order of Architects today handed the *Excellence in Architecture Award* trophy in the "institutional projects" category to Ray deSousa, Chief Administrative Officer of the University of Toronto in Mississauga, and to the team of **Saucier + Perrotte architects**, for the CCT building located at 3359 Mississauga Road North. The ceremony, held in the firm's offices on Waverly Street in Montreal, was part of the 24th edition of the Excellence in Architecture Awards. The CCT project was chosen by experts from among a hundred submissions in all categories. Of these, thirty were nominated and fourteen declared winners, including the CCT building.

The president of the jury, Mexican architect **Bernardo Gómez-Pimienta**, described the CCT design as follows: "For this building located on the edge of a forest, the architects chose to go with a long facade that reflects the vegetation while providing great transparency. This element constitutes the backbone around which the various auditoriums are organized, giving the campus grace and elegance. It's a delicate project where invisibility and the facade's reflections are of primary importance. The jury was interested in its spatial quality and use of light, both natural and artificial. The staircases, configured as boxes, were treated as sculptural objects that cross traffic areas and act as points of reference".

While the design process was still in its initial phase, the architects were careful to integrate the new building with the existing campus and to create spaces adapted to their functions. Within the campus, the building acts as a link between the Student Centre and the future library, and it also accommodates other public offices. A new configuration on the ground floor allows for a passage to the adjacent interior yards, and also extends from the unit to the whole campus. By connecting these new places with the existing campus, the CCT contributes to the creation of a larger public area that reflects the identity of the whole.



“Parcours commenté d'une architecture gagnante”, published by the Quebec Order of Architects, includes photos, texts and commentary related to this project and the twenty-nine other finalists and eventual winners. It is available in most Quebec bookstores for \$19.95.

This fall, thirteen other events are taking place, at each of the winning sites or architectural firm offices where the projects originated, to highlight the work within its context or geographic and cultural sphere. The trophies being presented are the creation of Quebec industrial designer Claude Mauffette, and represent a T-square made of anodized aluminum whose points are folded back to create a second dimension.



For close to thirty years, the Quebec Order of Architects has been organizing the Excellence in Architecture Awards, a competition recognizing projects that best represent the excellence and talent of Quebec architects. This year's edition, presented in partnership with Novus Lighting, is supported by numerous private and public partners associated with various aspects of the programme:

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