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ARC COMMENDS THE AWARDING OF THE PRIX DENISE-BARBEAU TO CATHERINE FICHTEN

Montreal, November 3, 2016 – The Association pour la recherche au collégial (ARC) extends its heartfelt congratulations to the Prix Denise-Barbeau award recipient, Catherine S. Fichten, who is a psychology professor and researcher at Dawson College and founder of the Adaptech Research Network. Dr. Fichten was presented this honour by the Association francophone pour le savoir-Acfas at its 72nd gala on October 18 to highlight the excellence and impact of her work and actions in the humanities and social sciences. She is the first woman to receive the award, which was created in 2014 in honour of educator and researcher Denise Barbeau.

The Prix Denise-Barbeau is the latest in a long list of honours and awards for Dr. Fichten, two of which were conferred to her by ARC. In 2004, she received the Recognition Award to celebrate her drive and commitment, which played a role in consolidating the research status of college-level education and in improving the quality of research conducted at colleges. And in 1997, Dr. Fichten became the first and only recipient to date of the ARC's Scientific Career Development Award in recognition of her unwavering commitment to introducing students and young colleagues to research. We would also like to point out that Dr. Fichten is one of the founding members of ARC.

Since receiving her first research grant in 1982, Dr. Fichten has devoted part of her time to basic and applied research, in both English and French, in three areas: access to education for people with disabilities, adaptive technologies for the disabled, and sleep disorders. "Catherine Fichten is an exceptional researcher who has forged her own unique path in life. The members of ARC join the chorus of voices who have acknowledged her outstanding work and actions, and her commitment to college research. She's truly among the top movers and shakers!" ARC president Nancy Gagnon remarked.

The mission of the Association pour la recherche au collégial, founded in 1988, is to promote college research by representing the interests of individuals and groups engaged with such research, by organizing activities to recognize excellence in college research, and by providing services to the college research community.

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