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### **The Canadian Branch of the APF reveals its recipients for the *Ordre de la Pléiade***

**Ottawa, March 15, 2018** – The Canadian Branch of the *Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie* (APF) is pleased to announce the names of the recipients of the *Ordre de la Pléiade*. The medals will be given during celebrations of the *Journée Internationale de la Francophonie*, on March 20th on Parliament Hill in room 237-C, Centre Block.

The recipients of the *Ordre de la Pléiade* medal will be:

The Honourable Lawrence Cannon, P.C.	–	Commander	(Commandeur)
The Honourable Claudette Tardif	-	Commander	(Commandeur)
Ms. Audrey O'Brien-		Officer	(Officier)
Ms. Suzanne Pinel	–	Knight	(Chevalier)
Madame Gaëtane Lemay	-	Knight	(Chevalier)
M. Jean-Paul Perreault	–	Knight	(Chevalier)

Monsieur Jacques Maziade – Knight (Chevalier)

*La Pléiade, Ordre de la Francophonie et du dialogue des cultures*, is an APF initiative that came into being in 1976. It is awarded to public figure who have dedicated themselves to promoting the French language. There are five classes of the *Ordre de la Pléiade*: Knight (Chevalier), Officer (Officier), Commander (Commandeur), Grand Officer (Grand Officier) and Grand Cross (Grand-Croix).

“The members of the Executive Committee of the Canadian Branch of the APF consider the *Ordre de la Pléiade* a great opportunity to celebrate Canadian francophony and to recognize the accomplishments of public figures who helped it thrive. The Canadian Branch is proud to award these medals to these seven recipients” declared the president, Mr. Darrell Samson.

The APF is composed of parliamentarians from 83 Parliaments or interparliamentary organizations across five continents. Its mandate is to foster the prospering of the French language around the world and to promote cultural diversity, democracy, the rule of law and human rights.

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