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FIRST FELLOW MEMBERSHIP BESTOWED

Robin Williams, APLD Recipient of Fellowship Status

HARRISBURG – The Association of Professional Landscape Designers™ (APLD) recently bestowed its first Fellowship to Robin Williams, APLD. The Fellowship was created in order to offer special recognition to certified members of APLD who have been in practice for many years, and distinguished themselves and the profession by extraordinary work over a sustained period of time.

Those individuals who qualify for Fellowship status must demonstrate mastery of design in significant works which have advanced the art, stewardship and social responsibility of landscape design; exemplary leadership of people and programs that have had a significant effect on advancing the practice of landscape design; and knowledge that advances landscape design to both the industry and consumers.

Myrna Dowsett, APLD nominated Williams for Fellowship. In her letter to APLD's Board of Directors, she said, "It is my pleasure to nominate Robin Williams, APLD as a candidate to be inducted into the newly formed membership category of Fellow. He has been a supporter and certified member of APLD from the beginning, at least since 1993, being our first UK member. He is mostly responsible for behind the scenes advocacy for our affiliation with the Society of Garden Designers, over the strong opposition of others in that organization. Whenever we happen to be at the same function, he is always promoting both organizations, APLD in particular when in the United States."

Williams is Co-Principal of, and designer consultant for, an international garden and landscape design practice with commissions in the UK, Europe, the U.S., Japan, and Southeast Asia. Until 1978, he lectured on Landscape Design & Construction at Merrist Wood College.

A founding Fellow and past Chairman of the Society of Garden Designers and a Fellow of the Institute of Horticulture, Williams received the APLD Award of Distinction in 1998. He has received numerous medals for garden design including both a Gold Medal and the Tudor Rose Award (Best in Show) at the Hampton Court Flower Show in 1996. Williams is retiring as a Council Member for the Royal Horticultural Society, where he was a member of the Gardens and Shows Committees. He is now an RHS Judge for the RHS Show Gardens.

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Some publications credited to Robin include *The Garden Planner* (1990), *the RHS Garden Designer* (1995), and *Garden Planning* (1996) as part of the *RHS Encyclopedia of Practical Gardening* series.

Williams, in a letter to APLD President Dennis Rydberg, said, “As you are aware, I found the Association of Professional Landscape Designers’ Fellowship Ceremony at the Seattle conference a little overwhelming. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to express, once again, my deep sense of honour and appreciation. My fellowship of the APLD is a source of great pride to me and a very important landmark in my professional life. So thank you once again and all members of the Association of Professional Landscape Designers from the bottom of my heart.”

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(Dennis Rydberg APLD, Myrna Dowsett APLD, Bobbie Schwartz APLD, and Robin Williams APLD)