



Association québécoise de la
quincaillerie et des matériaux
de construction

PRESS RELEASE

2nd Gala Reconnaissance : success in the image of AQMAT's mission and values

Quebec City, January 26th, 2013 – Passion, talent and hard work were rewarded in the hardware and building materials industry during the 2nd Gala Reconnaissance AQMAT held on January 25th, 2014 in front of a full house at Château Frontenac in Quebec City.

Six employees and ten businesses were honored following a jury selection and ballot by 900 retailers, distributors and manufacturers making the membership of the *Association québécoise de la quincaillerie et des matériaux de construction* (AQMAT).

The Chairperson of AQMAT's Board, Mrs Amélie Bélisle, owner of the Quincaillerie ACE Saint-Augustin in Mirabel, was delighted with the results of the Gala Reconnaissance's second edition organized in collaboration with numerous sponsors, featuring the principals, Acceo Solutions, Équipement Boni and Banque Nationale, and in partnership with Les Affaires newspaper.

"88 spontaneous candidacies were evaluated by the members themselves. The selection of the final 16 laureates was done by an independent jury. These processes are carried out in the respect of a good associative governance", states Mrs Bélisle.

For his part, Richard Darveau, AQMAT's President and Chief Executive Officer, sets the event as "part of the reason of existence of the employer organization devoted, since its foundation in June 1940, to the animation of the business community and the defence of its interests."

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LAUREATES AND FINALISTS
2^e Gala Reconnaissance AQMAT

The six employees of the year (in bold: the laureates)

Ascension Award in recognition of a career on the rise

Sponsored by Fertilec and Dural

Suppliers :

Jacques Desrosiers, Johns Manville

Alain Drapeau, Henry Canada

Jordan Tremblay, IKO

Retailers :

Francis Foy, Groupe coopératif Dynaco, La Pocatière

Yannick Laverdure, Matériaux Laverdure, Valcourt (ACE)

Alexandre Charbonneau, Quincaillerie Théorêt, Sainte-Adèle (Home Hardware)

Andréanne Perron, Domaine du Rénovateur de Coaticook (Home Hardware)

Initiative Award in recognition of a revolutionary idea

Sponsored by RDTS and Duchesne & fils

Suppliers :

Jean-Pierre Nahmias, Équipe Joliette, BP Canada

Daniel Fournier, Groupe Kaizen, MAAX

Bryan Munro, RDTS

Retailers :

Philippe Verreault, Centre de rénovation FDS, Saguenay (Home Hardware)

Martin Arseneault, Coop Agrivert, Saint-Barthélemy (Unimat)

Samuel Pelletier, Coop Montmagny (Unimat)

Jean Trudel, Centre de rénovation JM Doucet, St-Léonard-d'Aston (BMR)

Loyauté Award in recognition of at least 10 years of service

Sponsored by Resisto and Bélanger UPT

Suppliers :

Sylvie Montminy, Bélanger UPT

Richard Hamel, Colonial Éléance

René Bellemare, Duchesne & fils

Retailers :

Gaétan Sylvestre, Quincaillerie Durand, Quebec City (RONA)

Omer Hardy, Coop St-Ubalde (Unimat)

Yoland Labrecque, Émile Bilodeau & Fils, Saint-Bernard (ACE)

Alain David, Centre de rénovation Valleyfield (Home Hardware)

The 10 corporations of the year (in bold : the laureates)

Prix Vert Award in recognition of environmental initiatives

Sponsored by RCR International and Techniseal

Suppliers :

Exchange-a-Blade

Goodfellow

Matériaux Spécialisés Louiseville

Polyform

Retailers :

Centre de rénovation JR Roy, St-Léon-de-Standon (ACE)

Coop Lamèque (Unimat), Nouveau-Brunswick

Techno Award in recognition of technological leadership

Sponsored by Roland Boulanger and Produits de Bâtiment Résidentiel

Suppliers :

Fleurco

Matériaux King

Tolko

Retailers :

Centre de rénovation FDS, (Home Hardware), Saguenay

Quincaillerie Ste-Julie (ACE)

RONA Forget Tremblant, Mont-Tremblant

Coup de cœur Award in recognition of the most exceptional innovation

Sponsored by Mitten and Isofoam

Suppliers :

Alu-Rex

CGC

Novik

Techniseal

Retailers :

Coop Agrivert, St-Barthélemy (Unimat)

JM Doucet, St-Léonard-d'Aston (BMR)

RONA J. Anctil, St-Denis-de-Brampton

Patrimoine Award in recognition of a family business

Sponsored by MAAX and Metrie

Suppliers :

Groupe Crête

Groupe Lebel

Maibec

Retailers :

Groupe Patrick Morin, Joliette

Gabriel Couture et Fils (ACE), Richmond

RONA Forget Tremblant, Mont-Tremblant

Quincaillerie Théorêt, Sainte-Adèle (Home Hardware)

Conquérant Award in recognition of significant growth

Sponsored by Produits de bâtiment Taiga and AdcoGroupe

Suppliers :

Cobra Fixations

Novik

RDTs

Retailers :

Matériaux St-Élie (ACE), Sherbrooke

Groupe coopératif Dynaco, La Pocatière

Coop Agrivert, St-Barthélemy (Unimat)