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Dr. Djillali Benouar

Dear Dr. Benouar,

RE: NOTIFICATION OF YOUR SELECTION FOR THE AWARD OF THE UNESCO-GADR  
MEDAL FOR PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO DISASTER REDUCTION

I am writing to you to inform you about your selection by the GADR leadership team for receipt of the UNESCO-GADR Medal for your distinguished leadership and personal commitment to ongoing activities targeted at building a global culture of community resilience to disasters. This inaugural award is given to professionals who have rendered exceptional service on disaster reduction in any of the realms of human endeavor, including research, technology implementation, organizational development, effective service to professional organizations and/or communities and education. The list of this year's winners is attached.

The medals will be presented after reading a brief citation of each winner during the special dinner scheduled on Wednesday, July 27, 2005 at the International Conference on Energy, Environment and Disasters (INCEED 2005), Charlotte, North Carolina, from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM. The dinner will be held at the Westin Hotel in uptown Charlotte. Please refer to page 8 of the conference program at web site <http://www.iseg.giees.uncc.edu/inceed2005/program.cfm> for more complete information. Please notify Ms. Patricia Espinoza (by Monday) if you plan to attend the dinner to receive your award personally so that a dinner fee waiver can be made, along with an accurate dinner headcount. Ms. Espinoza's contact information is (Tel: 704-687-3520 and e-mail: [pespinoz@email.uncc.edu](mailto:pespinoz@email.uncc.edu)). If you can not appear personally to receive the award, please designate another person to receive it for you. Alternatively, your medal can be given to Dr. Walter Hays to send to you.

The dinner will be a formal occasion and more than three hundred guests are expected to attend. On behalf of GADR and collaborating organizations, I congratulate you on your achievement. News about this award will be widely disseminated.

Yours sincerely,

*Hilary I. Inyang*

Prof. Hilary I. Inyang  
Chair, INCEED 2005  
President, GADR

Cc: Dr. Badaoui Rouhban, UNESCO



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