The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) presented its annual Charles Klasek Award for outstanding service to the field of international education administration at an awards luncheon on Tuesday, Feb. 23 in Montreal, Canada during its annual conference. The award was given to Dr. Jacques Proulx, a faculty member specializing in psychology and intercultural relations at the University of Sherbrooke from 1980 to 2013. This award is meant to acknowledge his commitment to improving educational systems, academic collaboration, and world wide access to education.

Dr. Proulx is most deserving of AIEA’s most prestigious award for his many contributions to international education over a distinguished career. His impact on Canadian education has been profound, as has his impact on international education, policy, and training around the world.

For the past 25 years, Dr. Proulx has designed, developed, and delivered cross-cultural training and train-the-trainers seminars for key stakeholders including universities, governmental and non-governmental organizations and corporate sectors around the world. He has also designed and delivered training programs on cultural diversity for diplomats working overseas and for public and private sector organizations and agencies. He has been a member of The International Society for Intercultural Education, Training and Research (SIETAR) since 1985.

His service to and leadership in various national and international organizations is also noteworthy, including as Vice Chair of the International Council of Adult Education, Chair of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO (Education sector), and as an active board member of the International Bureau of Education (Geneva) and the Canadian Bureau of International Education (Canada). He has also served as Chair of Peace Fund Canada and Chair of the Canadian Institute of Adult Education.

Dr. Proulx has served as a key member of Canadian delegations to UNESCO as a country delegate, and represented North America on the UNESCO International Committee for the Higher Education. He also contributes his critical reflection to the topic of cultural diversity as an invited speaker in many congresses in Quebec, Canada and worldwide.

As a teacher, researcher, strategic thinker, colleague and organizer, his commitment to international education has defined his career and his legacy. He is deeply committed to promoting diversity and to building ways for learning within a context where intercultural diversity is seen as a source of wealth.
Dr. Darla Deardorff, Executive Director of AIEA, stated, “AIEA is pleased and honored to recognize Jacques Proulx for his inspirational career with the 2016 Charles Klasek award.”

Founded in 1982, the Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA), hosted at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, is a professional membership organization composed of institutional leaders representing over 400 higher education institutions around the world engaged in advancing the international dimensions of higher education.

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