IIDA TO PRESENT 2012 INTERNATIONAL HONORS AND AWARDS AT ANNUAL MEETING

May 30, 2012, Chicago, IL – The International Interior Design Association has recognized a stellar group of individuals who have enhanced the visibility and elevated the status of the Interior Design community. IIDA is excited to honor the recipients of the four awards given this year: the Star Award, Titan Award, Educator of the Year Award and Member of the Year Award, For the first time, IIDA is honoring four recipients for outstanding achievement this year, along with two distinctive Fellows, who will be celebrated at the IIDA Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 10, 2012 at 1 p.m. at Feinberg Theatre in the Spertus Center.

The IIDA Star Award honors exceptional contributions to the Interior Design profession and will be awarded to the Four Seasons Hotel Corporation. The Four Seasons Hotel Corporation creates and exemplifies outstanding and beautiful hospitality environments throughout the world and is dedicated to perfecting the travel experience through continual innovation and the highest standards of hospitality. The company boasts 50 properties on every continent except Antarctica and has transformed the hospitality industry by combining amiability and efficiency with the finest traditions of international hotel keeping. The IIDA Star Award was created in 1995 to recognize and celebrate the contributions that have significantly impacted the Interior Design profession by either an organization or an individual. Dana Kalczak, Vice President of Design, will accept the award on behalf of The Four Seasons Hotel Corporation, headquartered in Toronto, Canada, with regional offices in Geneva, Switzerland, and in Singapore.

The IIDA Titan Award recognizes significant service to the Interior Design profession by a design-related company or organization. This year’s award will be presented to John Wells, President and Chief Executive Officer of Interface Americas. Since joining Interface as Vice President of Sales in 1994, Wells has held a number of senior leadership roles including president and CEO of InterfaceFLOR Commercial. As part of Interface’s sustainability journey, he established programs and metrics to help Interface companies achieve their sustainability mission and goals in three parts – financial, environmental and social. He serves as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Carpet and Rug Institute and he is on the Georgia Institute of Technology’s Advisory Board, as well as the College of Management Advisory Board.
The IIDA Educator of the Year Award winner is Liset Robinson, IIDA, an Interior Design Professor at Savannah College of Art and Design in Atlanta, Georgia, who is being honored for her extraordinary accomplishments and commitment to Interior Design education. She has showcased her dedication to the field with over five years of mentoring students, providing them internship guidance and excellent instruction. Robinson will receive a $10,000 cash award, from Award Sponsor Milliken. Read more.

The IIDA Member of the Year Award, honoring a Member who has demonstrated outstanding volunteer service and dedication to the Association premiered this year celebrating the volunteerism of Amie Keener, IIDA, CDT, LEED AP of the IIDA Texas/Oklahoma Chapter. Amie is an Interior Designer at Gensler in Dallas. Read the press release.

IIDA also will induct two new Members to the College of Fellows, the highest honor the Association bestows upon professional Members. Peter A. Conant, FIIDA, AIA, LEED AP, is currently IIDA International President and his achievements include designs for corporate headquarters, not-for-profit organizations, and numerous industry showrooms. He is the Managing Principal of Conant Architects and has led IIDA in many capacities, including Past President of the IIDA New York.

Margaret McCurry, FIIDA, FAIA, ASID, Principal and President of the internationally renowned Chicago firm Tigerman McCurry, will also be inducted into the College of Fellows. She has held several leadership positions; currently she serves on the boards of the Architecture and Blueprint Community and the Branch of Textiles at the Art Institution of Chicago. She also has served as Vice-President of the Chicago Chapter and Chair of the Nationwide AIA Committee on Blueprint. Her work has been published widely in architectural and Interior Design magazines and books.

“This year’s IIDA award winners have demonstrated true dedication, hard work and enthusiasm for the Design community and we are extremely proud to honor their achievements, service and leadership,” said IIDA Executive Vice President and CEO Cheryl Durst, Hon. FIIDA.

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About International Interior Design Association
The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) is a professional networking and educational association with more than 12,000 Members practicing worldwide in more than 50 countries. IIDA is committed to enhancing the quality of life through excellence in Interior Design and advancing Interior Design through knowledge, value and community. IIDA advocates for Interior Design excellence; nurtures a global Interior Design community; maintains high educational standards; and supports its Members and the Profession with visionary leadership. For more than 38 years, IIDA has helped reveal new Design talent through a variety of education initiatives and Interior Design/Architecture competitions honoring local talent, including the Interior Design Competition, Global Excellence Awards and HD Product Design Competition. www.iida.org.