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CANSPEP CONGRATULATES 2010 M&IT HALL OF FAME WINNERS

Toronto, Ontario (March, 2010) - The Canadian Society of Professional Event Planners (CanSPEP), is proud to congratulate CanSPEP Members Rita Plaskett CMP, CMM and Jean Silzer CMP for being named 2010 M&IT Hall of Fame Award Winners.

Rita Plaskett CMP, CMM of AGENDUM Inc, a member of CanSPEP since 2003, was awarded the Industry Innovator Award, which recognizes an individual planner or supplier who has implemented a service or product that has increased productivity and/or modernized our industry. The official announcement and profile can be accessed at

<http://rogers-meetingscanada.equisoft.com/files/2010/03/RitaPlaskett.pdf> Rita is CanSPEP's President-Elect for 2010/2011.

Jean Silzer, CMP of Details Convention & Event Management Inc, also a member of CanSPEP since 2003, was awarded the Industry Builder Award, which recognizes an individual planner or supplier who has developed best practices, created professional guidelines and/or who has built a product or service that has improved the way the industry does business. The official announcement and profile can be accessed at

<http://rogers-meetingscanada.equisoft.com/files/2010/03/JeanSilzer.pdf>

Other industry winners include: [Danny Dobriansky](#), Industry Volunteer Award; [Gabrielle Spanton](#), Industry Mentor Award; [Helen Van Dongen, CMP, CMM](#), Industry Planner Award; and [Vinita Borrison, CMP](#), Industry Rising Star Award.

About CanSPEP

The Canadian Society of Professional Event Planners (CanSPEP) is a professional network of over 100 entrepreneurs across Canada in the meeting, conference and event management business. Formed in 1996, the association provides a forum in which members meet to exchange ideas, develop skills through educational programs, and share partnership opportunities that foster business growth.

Our primary goal is to promote professionalism and create awareness of the many skills that independent meeting planners offer. Our [membership](#) represents a diverse group of experienced businesses that cater to [clients](#) in the corporate, association, government and not-for-profit sectors, as well as the special events market.

While membership is open to meeting planners only, the association offers industry suppliers opportunities to showcase their products and services to our members through our [Partner Programs](#).

CanSPEP continues to grow, with representation in the Calgary, Edmonton, Montreal, [Ottawa](#), South Western Ontario, Greater Toronto, and Vancouver areas.