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IIS ANNOUNCES THE 2017 JOHN S. BICKLEY FOUNDER’S AWARD

New York, New York -- Jan 30, 2017 -- Professor Georges Dionne of HEC Montreal has been elected as the 2017 John S. Bickley Founder's Award recipient for his many important accomplishments, including his extra-ordinary contributions to risk and insurance economics and education. He will be honored at the July 3rd awards gala dinner in conjunction with the IIS Global Insurance Forum at the Park Plaza Westminster Bridge Hotel, July 2nd – 5th.

The John S. Bickley Founder’s Award Gold Medal for Excellence recipient is elected by secret ballot by the IIS Honors Committee, a body of senior insurance executives and leading academicians, and honors individuals who have made a significant, lasting and recognized contribution to insurance thought, product, practice or education.

“Professor Dionne is a highly respected economist and insurance educator, whose reference books are used widely in Ph.D. programs around the world. His *Handbook of Insurance* has been translated into Chinese, which also speaks to the global scope of his research,” said James Vickers, IIS Honors Committee Chairman. “Georges Dionne played a decisive role in the development of Risk Management education at HEC Montreal and many of his past students are now themselves influential educators in the field,” added IIS President and CEO, Mike Morrissey.

For almost 35 years, Georges Dionne has been a university professor in the field of insurance and risk management. His scientific production is extensive and his books are largely used in insurance Ph.D. programs around the world, notably the reference in the domain, the *Handbook of Insurance* which was originally published in 2000. Rated among the top economists in Canada and among the top risk management researchers in the world, he has received numerous awards in recognition of his contributions to academia and to society.

A full professor of Finance, Georges Dionne holds the Canada Research Chair in Risk Management at HEC Montréal. He has been a visiting scholar in the Department of Risk Management and Insurance at Georgia State University and in the Economics Department at École Polytechnique in France for many years.

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