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Greensboro, NC – November 5, 2007 – Jim Fraser, former Executive Director of the Royal Canadian Golf Association (RCGA) Foundation, was the first Canadian honored with the International Association of Golf Administrators' Distinguished Service Award at the 41st Annual Meeting in Greensboro, NC. Kris Jonasson, Immediate Past President of the IAGA and Executive Director of British Columbia Golf Association, presented the award which recognizes the services that exemplifies the IAGA's mission to "promote and conserve the best interests and the true spirit of the game."

Honoring Fraser for his 26 years of service to the game of golf was Scott Simmons, Executive Director of The Royal Canadian Golf Association. Simmons captured many memories of Fraser's golf career through personal letters written from friends and former colleagues.

Fraser, a Quebec native, grew up in a golfing family. His great grandfather founded the Beaconsfield Golf Club in Pointe Clair, Quebec in 1904. Fraser followed in his footsteps and served as the club's President in 1976 and 1977.

For several years, Fraser also served as Director of the Quebec Golf Association and was the QGA's Director of Rules. In 1980, Fraser was elected Governor of the Royal Canadian Golf Association and served a ten year term before joining the RCGA's full-time staff in 1993.

During his time at the RCGA, Fraser held many roles including: Association Director of Rules, Handicapping and Amateur Status, Managing Director of Member Programs, Managing Director of Amateur Competitions, Rules, Amateur Status and Handicap and Course Rating. Managing Director of Rules and Player Development, and Executive Director of both the Canadian Golf Foundation and RCGA Foundation.

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Fraser is also recognized for implementing the Slope system and assisting students at Canadian universities and colleges through the Canadian University/College Championship and the Canadian University Golf Support Program.

After retiring in January 2006, Fraser continues to remain active with the game and currently volunteers at the Canadian Golf Hall of Fame and Museum.

Fraser is the 14th recipient to be honored with the Distinguished Service Award joining: Larry Adamson (2006), Denny Davenport (2005); Tony Zirpoli (2004); Warren Simmons (2003); Bob Hanna (2002); Hale B. Van Hoy, Jr. (2001); Richard Haskell (2000); Judy Bell (1998); Carol McCue (1997); Marshall Dann (1995); Newell Pinch (1993); Warren Rebholz (1992); C. Grant Spaeth (1991).

About the International Association of Golf Administrators (IAGA):

Originally created in 1968 as a small, informal gathering, the IAGA now includes over 250 golf administrators representing over 3 million golfers. Members are golf administrators of regional amateur golf associations and employees of national and international golf organizations. The IAGA has members from the United States Golf Association, the Royal Canadian Golf Association, Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, the PGA of America, Club Managers Association of America, National Golf Foundation, National Club Association and most of the state and provincial golf associations throughout North America.

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