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### **Anne Simpson receives prestigious ICGN Life Time Achiever Award**

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The ICGN, an investor-led body with members representing assets under management in excess of US\$26 trillion, presented a Life-time Achievement Award to Anne Simpson of CalPERS at the 2015 Annual Conference, hosted by the City in London. Anne has been associated with the creation and practice of good corporate governance principles around the world for the last thirty years.

The ICGN Award is given annually to individuals who have demonstrated exceptional achievements in the field of corporate governance and contributed to significant improvements in one or more jurisdictions.

The award was presented at the London Guildhall by Peter Butler, Chairman of the ICGN Awards Committee, who said “It is fitting that the award is being presented in the city where Anne worked with such greats of the corporate governance movement as Alastair Ross Goobey, Sir Adrian Cadbury and Jonathan Charkham. Anne is a great British warrior for international corporate governance.”

In receiving her Award, Anne said, “As the saying goes, if you want to go fast, go alone, if you want to go far, go together - ICGN enables us to go far because it brings us together.”

The nomination for the award was made by Robert Monks, Sir Adrian Cadbury, Ira Millstein, Margaret (“Peggy”) Foran and Nell Minnow.

Bob Monks said, “Anne was many years ahead of her time in arguing that shareholder responsibility was a form of ownership, which could not in turn be partial. There had to be responsibility taken for the company in its entirety. The Purpose of the company was to serve society’s needs and wants, ethically and profitably.”

Peggy Foran said, “One of the values that I most admire about Anne is her fearlessness to speak her mind not only when she believes a company’s management is not living up to shareholder expectations but also when she feels that an investor’s proposal is not in the best interest of the company and its shareholders. She commands the respect of CEO’s, board members, governance and investor relations officers, and fellow investors. Highly principled, moral and intelligent, Anne Simpson is a true leader and visionary in her profession.”

Sir Adrian Cadbury said, “Anne brought passion to the corporate governance cause and was an outstanding speaker, writer and teacher. She helped to transform the corporate world.”

Ira Millstein said, “Anne’s vivid personality and enthusiasm was the key - she is a fantastic communicator and deliverer of “the message.”

Nell Minnow said, “Her support for increasing board diversity, rationalizing CEO pay, and thoughtful risk assessment incorporating climate change has been of enormous importance in making these issues central to worldwide dialogue between investors and corporate executives and directors.”

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## **EDITORS NOTES**

### **About ICGN**

The International Corporate Governance Network (ICGN) is an investor-led organisation of governance professionals with members including institutional investors based in 50 countries and collectively responsible for assets under management in excess of US\$26 trillion. Our membership also includes other stakeholders including company directors, professional advisors and academics. [www.icgn.org](http://www.icgn.org)

Established in 1995, our mission is to inspire and promote effective standards of corporate governance to advance efficient markets and economies world-wide. We achieve this through the ICGN Global Governance Principles which are implemented by influencing public policy, connecting peers at global events and informing knowledge through guidance and education.

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