

Note of Appreciation for the 2016 ITAA Mid-Career Excellence Award

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I feel extremely honored and thrilled to be the first recipient of the ITAA Mid-Career Excellence Award. I would like to thank all who have involved in the award application review process (e.g., the VP of Operations, Faculty Fellowship and Awards Committee). My special thanks go to Ann Paulins who kindly nominated me for the award and prepared the nomination packet. My thanks extend to my seven inspirational colleagues at different institutions who wrote the outstanding support letters for me. Especially, these letters meant a lot to me and made me feel I have been a valued member in our profession. This reward is indeed a milestone for the next stage of my academic career and motivates me to think about various ways of my future contribution to the discipline. I will continue to boost my scholarly accomplishments with an established record of productive, independent, transferrable, and impactful research affecting diverse population, such as aged, disabled, or engaged in hazardous activity, especially in the area of design and product development with the seamless integration of innovative design technologies and sustainability practices. Again, thank you ITAA for rewarding this significant award during my mid-academic career! Of course, my service to the ITAA and my profession will continuously and actively alive!