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EPIC HONORS

Former President French CNIL Isabelle Falque-Pierrotin

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British Journalist Carole Cadwalladr

2020 EPIC International Privacy Champions

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM – The Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC) has awarded the 2020 International Privacy Champion Awards to former President of the French CNIL **Isabelle Falque-Pierrotin** and to British journalist **Carole Cadwalladr**.

The EPIC award was presented at the conference on Computers, Privacy, and Data Protection in Brussels, Belgium on January 22, 2020. More than 1,200 people from 60 countries attended the 12th annual CPDP conference. The theme of CPDP 2020 is “Data Protection and Artificial Intelligence.”

EPIC President **Marc Rotenberg** said, “As President of the French data protection agency **Isabelle Falque-Pierrotin’s** dedication and determination have given force to the right of privacy and helped safeguard fundamental rights around the world. And **Carole Cadwalladr’s** reporting on the Cambridge Analytica data breach has made clear the deep connection between data protection and the protection of democratic institutions.”

The EPIC International Privacy Champion Award was given first in 2009 to Italian jurist Professor **Stefano Rodotà**. Since then the EPIC Award has gone to Australian jurist **Michael Kirby** (2010), MEP **Sophie in’t Veld** (2011), Canadian Privacy Commissioner **Jennifer Stoddart** (2012), EU privacy campaigner **Max Schrems** (2013), MEP **Jan Philipp Albrecht** (2014), European Data Protection Supervisor **Peter Hustinx** (2015), European Commissioner **Viviane Reding** (2016), Chair of the International Working Group on Data Protection **Alexander Dix** (2017), Spanish Data Protection Commissioner **Artemi Rallo** (2018), Executive Director of Privacy International **Gus Hosein** (2018), director of the European Digital Rights Initiative **Joe McNamee** (2019), European Data Protection Supervisor **Giovanni Buttarelli** (2019).

The EPIC Champion of Freedom Award was given first to Senator **Patrick Leahy** in 2004, on the occasion of EPIC's tenth anniversary. Since that time, the EPIC Champion of Freedom Award has gone to other US Senators, Members of Congress, Federal Judges, distinguished attorneys, scholars, journalists, news organizations, CEOs, and advocates. Winners of the EPIC Champion of Freedom Award include Apple CEO **Tim Cook**, Presidential candidate **Kamala Harris**, chess champion and human rights advocate **Garry Kasparov**, **Edward Snowden**, and Judge **Pat Wald**.

The 2020 EPIC Champion of Freedom Awards will be presented on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at the National Press Club in Washington, DC.

The members of the jury for the 2020 EPIC International Privacy Champion Award are Professor **Ross Anderson**, University of Cambridge; Professor **Alessandro Acquisti**, Carnegie Mellon University; Professor **Colin J. Bennett**, University of Victoria; Professor **Ryan Calo**, University of Washington; Professor **Jennifer Daskal**, Washington College of Law; **David Flaherty**, former Commissioner British Columbia; **Pamela Jones Harbour**, former Commissioner, FTC; Professor **Paul de Hert**, Vrije Universiteit Brussel; Dr. **Kristina Irion**, University of Amsterdam; **Malavika Jayaram**, Digital Asia Hub; Dr. **Lorraine Kisselburgh**, Chair, ACM Technology Policy Council; Dr. **Pablo Molina**, Georgetown University; Professor **Helen Nissenbaum**, Cornell Tech; Dr. **Stephanie Perrin**, University of Toronto; Professor **Bilyana Petkova**, HBKU College of Law; **Max Schrems**, None of Your Business; former President of the ACLU Professor **Nadine Strossen**; and, **Marc Rotenberg**, President, EPIC.

About EPIC

EPIC is a public interest research center in Washington, DC. EPIC was established in 1994 to focus public attention on emerging privacy and civil liberties issues and to protect democratic values. EPIC pursues a wide range of program activities including policy research, public education, conferences, litigation, publications, and advocacy. EPIC works closely with a distinguished advisory board, with expertise in law, technology and public policy. EPIC maintains one of the most popular privacy web sites in the world **epic.org**.

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