



## **Canada Games Council Wishes to Congratulate Guylaine Bernier**

Guylaine Bernier, CGC Board Member and Chair of the 2013 Bid Committee was honoured this past December at the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Sport Québec Gala. She was presented the "Officials Award" sponsored by Loto-Québec.

Guylaine's duties as a rowing official have brought her to Brazil, Italy, Austria and China three times in the past year, as well as regional and national regattas and official training clinics across the country. Guylaine officiated her fourth consecutive Olympic Games in Beijing, where she served as a member of the jury of appeal and start judge at the Schunyi Olympic Bassin.

Deservedly, Guylaine has been receiving a lot of attention lately for her impact on the Canadian Sport System particularly her desire to see women play more prominent roles. In August the Canadian Press published an article on her [www.caaws.ca/e/article.cfm?id=1974](http://www.caaws.ca/e/article.cfm?id=1974). The article praised her on a career of firsts starting with her competition in the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games - the first to include women in the sport.

In the article Bernier was quoted saying "We need for women not to stay in the bleachers but to be in the conference room and to be in the management of the sport,"

She wants more female officials, coaches, team managers, and more women on the boards of provincial, national and international associations.

Guylaine's has always been a strong resource for the Canada Games. Her commitment to positive change keeps us evolving and improving. In early February she will lead the 2013 Bid Committee on venue tours throughout Quebec. We look forward to working with and learning from Guylaine for many years to come.