



## **Yaprak Baltacioğlu awarded the 2021 IPAC Vanier Medal**

**Toronto, July 5, 2021** - Today, Kelly Gillis, president of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC), announced that the 2021 IPAC Vanier Medal will be awarded to Yaprak Baltacioğlu for her invaluable contributions to public service.

The Vanier Medal is IPAC's highest form of recognition for Canadian public administrators. It was created in 1962 in honour of former governor general Georges P. Vanier. The medal is awarded annually to a person who has made significant contributions to, and has shown distinctive leadership in, the fields of public administration and public service in Canada.

"I am honoured and very grateful to receive the 2021 IPAC Vanier Medal," said Baltacioğlu, who was born in Turkey and came to Canada at the age of 21 after earning a law degree at Istanbul University. "Serving my adopted country of Canada was the greatest honour of my life and it brings me great pleasure to be recognized for this service."

Her nominator, Benoit-Antoine Bacon, president and vice-chancellor of Carleton University, noted that "a review of Ms. Baltacioğlu's achievements reveals her tireless desire to give back to Canada and to make the country

better for all Canadians. Her dedication and determination to serve her country of adoption is without compare."

Yaprak Baltacioğlu has had a long and distinguished career in service to her country. During her 29-year career with the federal government, she served as Secretary to the Treasury Board, Deputy Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and Deputy Secretary to Cabinet, Operations.

Upon her retirement from the federal public service, Baltacioğlu was appointed as the 12th Chancellor of Carleton University. She is also currently a Director on the boards of MDA Corporation, Canadian Nuclear Laboratories, CSA Group and Hydro Ottawa, and volunteers on the boards of the Institute of Corporate Directors and the Stratford Festival.

Yaprak Baltacioğlu's outstanding contributions have already been recognized through a number of distinguished awards, including the Public Policy Forum's Testimonial Award, the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond and Jubilee medals, the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada medal and is a Member of the Order of Canada.

"The lasting impact of Ms. Baltacioğlu's many contributions to Canada's public administration is undeniable," said Gillis. "Throughout her career she inspired public servants to reach new heights - she is model of public service excellence and a profoundly deserving recipient for IPAC's highest honour."

#### **About IPAC**

IPAC is a dynamic association of public servants, academics, and others interested in public administration. Founded in 1947, it is a membership-based organization with 19 regional groups across Canada.

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