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Environmental leaders honoured at the Society's Summer Reception 23rd June

The Society for the Environment awarded Honorary Fellowships to five environmental leaders in front of a capacity crowd at the House of Lords this week.

The five new Honorary Fellowships awarded, in front of a capacity audience of 250 VIPs, were:- Angela Brady, former President of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA); Professor Raymond Clark OBE, Chief Executive, the Society of Environmental Engineers; Caroline Drummond MBE, Chief Executive, Linking Environment and Farming (LEAF); Polly Higgins, author, barrister and legal expert on the law of ecocide, and Judy Ling Wong CBE OBE, Honorary President of the Black Environment Network (BEN).

These Honorary Fellows join an influential group of other professionals, politicians, scientists, business leaders and campaigners who have previously been honoured by the Society for the Environment.

Ian Bowbrick, incoming new Chair of Society for the Environment said:

"All of our new Honorary Fellows have shown outstanding leadership and fully deserve to be called professionals in their various spheres. Their leadership has inspired many and has brought tangible results. Their breadth of vision and their willingness to work for the good of future generations is an example to us all, and we are delighted to welcome them as Honorary Fellows."

The Fellows were presented with their certificates by SocEnv President Tony Juniper and Guest of Honour, Olympic medallist Sarah Winckless, Chef du Mission of Team GB for the 2014 Youth Olympics in Nanjing. The day coincided with World Olympic Day, with Sarah giving a rousing address, celebrating environmental leadership, teamwork and success.

The Society's host for the Reception was Liberal Democrat life peer Baroness Parminter, whose maiden speech in the House of Lords in 2010 was on women in society. This year's array of Honorary Fellows features a strong line-up of women, which complements The Society's commitment to inclusion.

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EDITOR'S NOTES:

1. The Society for the Environment is a leading independent, non-political umbrella organisation for environmental and sustainability professionals. Its purpose is to support and

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champion the role of environmental professionals worldwide in the pursuit of a sustainable future. The 23 institutions and learned societies that form its membership represent hundreds of thousands of practitioners, working across a broad spectrum of disciplines and sectors.

2. The Society was awarded its Royal Charter in 2004 since which time some 8,000 individuals have gained Chartered Environmentalist status through its 23 Licensed Body members.
3. For further information on the work of the Society, see the website www.socenv.org.uk or contact Kerry Geldart, Acting Chief Executive 0845 337 2951 or kerry.geldart@socenv.org.uk
4. The members and Constituent Bodies of the Society for the Environment are:

Arboricultural Association (AA)

Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE)

Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists (CIAT)

Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM)

Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB)

Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM)

Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM)

Energy Institute (EI)

Institute of Agricultural Management (IAgrM)

Institute of Chartered Foresters (ICF)

Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA)

Institute of Fisheries Management (IFM)

Institute of Materials, Minerals & Mining (IOM3)

Institute of Water (IWater)

Institution of Agricultural Engineers (IAgrE)

Institution of Chemical Engineers (ICHEM)

Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE)

Institution of Engineering Designers (IED)

Institution of Environmental Sciences (IES)

Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMECH)

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)

Society of Environmental Engineers (SEE)

Society of Operations Engineers (SOE)

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