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Mrs. Constance Pathy, founder of MISQA, and the Wigmore Hall International String Quartet Competition (WHISQC) are delighted to announce the establishment of the MISQA Prize.

Announced at the closing concert of MISQA 2014 in Pollack Hall by Mrs. Ruth Wheal, general manager of the competition, the prize will be awarded for the first time in 2015 to the first-prize winning quartet at the competition in London.

The MISQA Prize will guarantee the quartet a place at the 2015 McGill International String Quartet Academy, and will cover travel, accommodation and per diems. The winner of the prize will be announced at the same time and in the same manner as all other WHISQC prizes, at the awards ceremony after the Final on Sunday 29th March 2015.

“MISQA is grateful to the Wigmore competition for this great prize” said André J. Roy, director of MISQA. “We are deeply honored by their trust.”

Developed and fostered by the director of MISQA and the general manager of WHISQC, this collaboration speaks of the exceptional growth of the academy that just celebrated its 5th edition.

As spoken by Mrs. Wheal at the announcement: “This is a fantastic opportunity for the winning quartet, and I know that they will have a life-changing experience at MISQA.”

MISQA: Founded in 2010 in Montreal by Mrs. Constance Pathy, MISQA offers, over a period of two weeks, a series of events: lessons, master classes and eight concerts given by internationally established quartets as well the academy quartets, ensembles previously selected by international competitions. These prestigious groups are trained during the academy by professors, members of the most famous quartets in history.

WHISQC: Formerly known as the London International String Quartet Competition and acknowledged as the best and most prestigious quartet competition in the world, the Wigmore Hall Competition now has a menu of excellent career development opportunities to offer to the winning quartets, as well as substantial cash prizes.