

Women Entrepreneur Cybele Negris Wins Prestigious IWIB Award



Cybele Negris, COO and founding partner of Webnames.ca was honoured this month with Business in Vancouver's 11th Annual Influential Women in Business Award. Cybele, along with her two partners launched the domain registration company in 2000; the company grew so fast that sales in the first year were \$2.5million.

"I'm proud that after close to 10 years since Webnames.ca was founded, I can honestly say I still love what I do and am passionate about our ability to keep things fresh and innovative while maintaining our core competencies. Also, our success allows me to give back to the community that has made us successful," Cybele said in an interview with Business in Vancouver.

The IWIB award was given to Cybele not only because of her great success as an entrepreneur, but also because of the role model she's become to many other women in business. Outside of Webnames.ca, Cybele is a prominent member of the Vancouver business community as a director of the Forum for Women Entrepreneurs, a director of the Vancouver Economic Development Commission, vice-chair of Small Business BC and a director of the B.C. government's small business roundtable. She also continues to mentor with Wired Women, a non-profit organization providing education, networking and mentorship to women in the technology sector.

Laurel Douglas, CEO of Women's Enterprise Centre presented the award to Cybele at the IWIB celebration at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel in Vancouver on April 14. Women's Enterprise Centre is the go-to place for women in BC who are starting, growing or purchasing a business.