

PROFESSOR COLETTE CAILLAT'S BIO-DATA

Colette Vidal was born on the 15th of January 1921 near Paris, in Saint-Leu-la-Forêt (Val d'Oise, France). She completed her secondary school and university studies in classical humanities in Paris. After obtaining the « Agrégation des lettres-grammaire » (1944-45), she taught in various high schools from 1945 to 1952. As a member of the « Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique » from 1952 to 1960, she was able to pursue the study of the comparative grammar of the Indo-European languages and of Indology under Professors J. Bloch, L. Renou, E. Benveniste, W. Schubring, J. Fillozat and A. Minard, and also research in the fields of Middle-Indian linguistics and Jainism. From 1960 to 1965 she taught Sanskrit and comparative grammar in the University of Lyon and obtained the « Doctorat d'Etat ès-Lettres et Sciences Humaines » in 1965 (« thèse principale »: *Les expiations dans le rituel ancien des religieux jaina*; « thèse complémentaire »: *Va-vahāra-sutta 1-3. Texte. Traduction. Commentaire*). She has held the chair of « Civilisation de l'Inde et du Sud-est asiatique » at the University of Paris (Sorbonne, later Paris-3) since 1967, and has been a member of the « Institut de France » (« Académie des Inscriptions et Belle-Lettres ») since October 1987.

— Head of the « Equipe de Recherche Associée au CNRS 94 » (Buddhist and Jaina Philology; later UA 1058) from 1968 to 1985.

— President of the Scientific Committee of the « Institut de Civilisation Indienne du Collège de France » since 1984.

— Treasurer of the International Association for Sanskrit Studies since 1977.

— President of the French Association for Sanskrit Studies from 1977 to 1982.

— Member of the « Conseil de la Société Asiatique de Paris » since 1982; Secretary since 1987.

— Member of the Editorial Board of the « Indo-Iranian Journal » since 1975.

— Member of the Editorial Board of « Indologica Taurinensia » since 1975.

— Member of the Editorial Committee of « A Critical Pāli Dictionary ».

— Member of the Editorial Board of the Lal Sunder Jain Series, Delhi.

— Member of the Board for the « Torino e l'Oriente » prize, Torino 1987.

— Distinguished Member of the Akhila Bharatiya Sanskrit Parishad, Lucknow since 1985.

— Recipient of the International Parvati Jain Award (Ambala, 1986).

— Recipient of the medals awarded by the city of Torino and the University of Torino (June 1986).