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## PRESS RELEASE

***The Consortium of European Research Libraries (CERL) selects a new Company Secretary.***

CERL is pleased to announce that Dr Cristina Dondi has been selected as the Secretary Designate of the Consortium from 1 March 2009. On 20 April 2009 at the Directors' meeting, her appointment will be confirmed. In the intervening period, Dr Dondi will 'shadow' the Consortium's current Secretary, Dr David Shaw, in order to gain experience of the Consortium's business.

From the middle of April until the CERL Annual General Meeting in November 2009, Dr Shaw and Dr Dondi will be Joint Secretaries. Dr Dondi will assume most of the functions of the Consortium Secretary. Dr Shaw will retain the legal functions of Company Secretary up to the November Annual General Meeting and will assist in preparations for the June committee meetings as well as the November Seminar and Annual General Meeting, at which he will step down.

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## ***BIOGRAPHY***

Cristina Dondi graduated from Milan, Univ. Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, in Mediaeval History and Palaeography, obtained her PhD in History from Kings College London,<sup>1</sup> worked for 10 years in the Bodleian Library, Oxford, towards the publication of the six-volume catalogue of incunabula of that collection;<sup>2</sup> was the first Lyell Research Fellow in the History of the Early Modern Printed Book, University of Oxford, Lincoln College (2002–05), for which she is completing a study of all Books of Hours printed in Italy in the 15th century.<sup>3</sup>

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She is a member of the History Faculty of Oxford University and a visiting researcher at the newly founded Centre for the Study of the Book, Bodleian Library, continuing her research on incunabula, the book trade, and liturgical books, teaching Italian Palaeography and the History of the early-printed book for the History and Modern Languages faculties, and promoting the importance of evidence-based historical research in her written work and in lectures in Europe and the United States. She will be delivering the Kristeller Lecture at Columbia University, New York, in April 2009 and will speak at the IFLA Pre-Conference in Munich in August 2009. She has been the Treasurer of APICES (Association Paléographique Internationale) since 2000, and a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London since 2008.

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<sup>1</sup> *The Liturgy of the Canons Regular of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem: A Study and a Catalogue of the Manuscript Sources*, Bibliotheca Victorina, 16, Turnhout: Brepols, 2004.

<sup>2</sup> *A Catalogue of Books Printed in the Fifteenth Century now in the Bodleian Library*, ed. A. Coates, K. Jensen, C. Dondi, B. Wagner, and H. Dixon, with the assistance of C. White and E. Mathew; block books by N. Palmer, and an inventory of Hebrew incunabula by S. Schaeper, 6 vols, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005.

<sup>3</sup> To be published within the series *Biblioteca di Bibliografia Italiana*.

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