

CONSORTIUM *of* EUROPEAN RESEARCH LIBRARIES

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CHAIRMAN: Abilities, qualities and experiences required

Commitment to the task

A clear vision of options and future developments
Should offer leadership on behalf of a wide community of interests
Should act from a library-politically neutral point of view
Special interest in early books and the development and exploitation of early books collections

Strategy abilities

Setting targets and priorities
Adapting continuously to the modern information world

Managerial skills

Must be a decision maker
Must be able to delegate both tasks and responsibilities
Must be able to handle negotiations with various partners, of different national and interests background

Experience

Solid experience of international cooperation
Good working network within the international, and especially the European library world
Experience in chairing international meetings
Full understanding of researchers' needs
Good knowledge of the hand-press period and hand-press output

Practical considerations

Must be able to devote substantial time to the job without compensation
Must be in a position to meet/liaise regularly with CERL staff working in London, The Hague, and consultants elsewhere.
Command of several languages is always an asset, but excellent English is an absolute requirement
Must be prepared to travel abroad regularly

Tasks

To balance interests and benefits of members, the financial health of the company, and the development and use of Heritage of the Printed Book Database, the CERL Thesaurus, CERL Portal and other on-line resources.
To chair the Executive Committee meetings, the annual full membership meeting and the Board of Directors
To carry the ultimate staff responsibility for the team employed by CERL

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