

# 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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