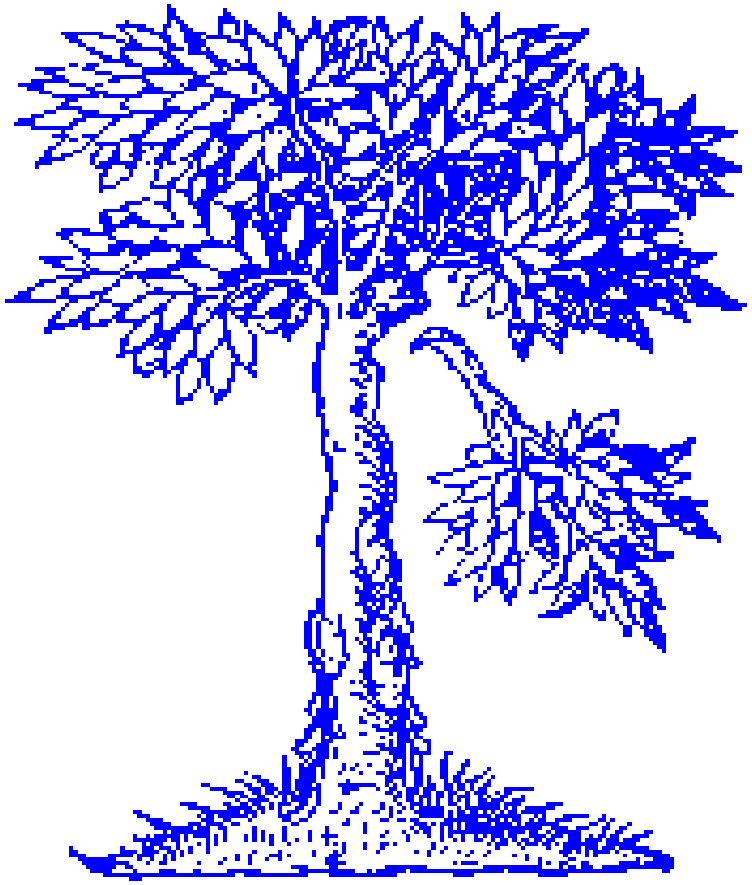
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CERL Seminar for Rare Books Libraries in the London area

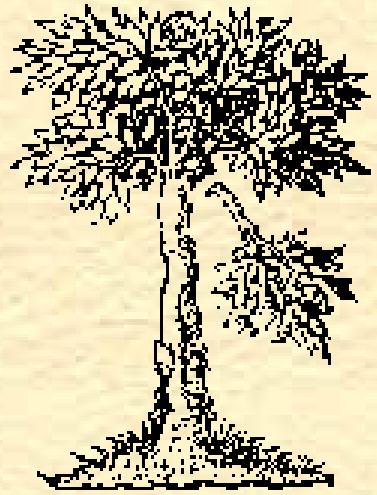
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Wellcome Library, London

Programme

- Welcome
- CERL and its work in the field of the European written and printed cultural heritage
- CERL's resources for rare-books librarians and scholars
- Participation in CERL's work
- Tea

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CERL's vision is to bring together information about the written heritage of Europe in a single rich historical central resource in support of scholarship, interdisciplinary research, intercultural study and cultural enrichment. CERL aims to offer a connected range of indispensable tools for all those who work in the field of interpreting European cultural heritage as it has been received in the form of books written or printed before the middle of the 19th century.

(from: A Development Plan 2002-2007)

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WELCOME

The Consortium seeks to share resources and expertise between research libraries with a view to improving access to, as well as exploitation and preservation of the European printed heritage in the hand-press period (up to *c.* 1830). The Consortium was formed in 1992 on the initiative of research libraries in many European countries and legally came into being in June 1994.

Services and Resources

Hand Press Book Database

Books printed in Europe during the hand-press period, c.1450 - c.1830.



CERL Thesaurus

Multi-lingual information about names of persons and places found in catalogues of books of the hand-press period.



CERL Portal

Catalogues of European manuscript materials and also cross-searching of some early-printed books databases.



Publications

Includes the series of CERL Papers



Upcoming Events

CERL Seminar for Rare Books Libraries in the London area,

Monday 9 July, Wellcome Library

The Consortium will be holding a seminar on CERL's work in the field of the European written and printed cultural heritage at the Wellcome Library in Euston Road, London, on 9 July between 2.00 and 4.00 pm.

New on the CERL Website

- CERL Newsletters - old revision restored
- The cataloguing of manuscripts - created
- Provenance data in the CERL Thesaurus
- Joining CERL
- The British Library, London - created
- Bibliothèque nationale de France - created
- Biblioteca Nacional de España, Madrid - creado
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CERL and its work in the field of the European written and printed cultural heritage

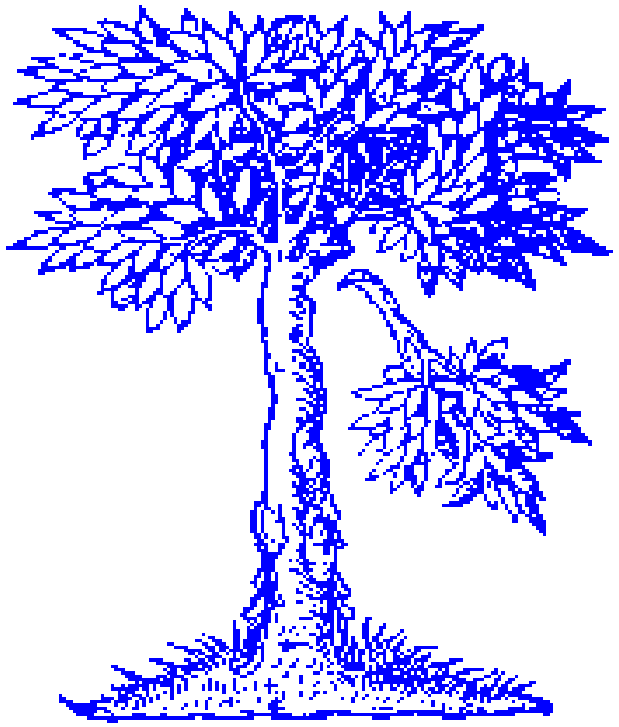
CERL's mission

- CERL's primary objective is to record the European printed heritage: all books printed in Europe during the hand-press period, i.e. before c.1830, in our **Hand Press Book database**.
- This has been extended to include **cross-searching of manuscript databases** (development project 2006–8)
- CERL aims to provide **support and resources for rare books specialists** (librarians and scholars).
- CERL's ***Development Plan 2002–2007*** is available on the web; 2008–2012 is in preparation

CERL's Mission (2)

- Publications
- Collaborative projects
- Support for scholarship
- Digitisation:
  - EDL participation
  - Scholarly resources (printers' devices)
- Provenance research

CERL's logo



- Based on the printer's device of the 16th-century Estienne (Stephanus) family in Paris and Geneva
- Represents the tree of knowledge (olive), with a branch dropping to earth

CERL Membership

- The Consortium was formed in 1994 on the initiative of research libraries in many European countries.
- Over 70 member libraries in over 30 countries
  - 36 Full members
  - 16 libraries in Group memberships
  - 22 Special and Associate members
  - 90 'cluster' libraries attached to a Full member.

CERL MEMBERS

- Belgium
- Croatia
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland (2)
- France (2)
- Germany (3)
- Hungary (1 group of 6)
- Italy (9)
- Latvia
- Luxemburg
- The Netherlands
- Norway
- Portugal
- Russia
- South America (ABINIA group of 10)
- Spain
- Sweden (2)
- United Kingdom (7)
- United States of America

CERL's resources for rare-books librarians and scholars

CERL RESOURCES

- Hand Press Book Database
- CERL Thesaurus
- CERL Portal
- Provenance research
- Digital resources
- Publications
- Seminars and workshops

CERL's resources

The Hand Press Book Database

Hand Press Book database (HPB)

- 2.8 million records for books printed in Europe from mid-15th to mid-19th centuries
- 24 contributing libraries, with more records added each year
- Full list of contributors on http://www.cerl.org/HPB/hpb.htm
- Only available in institutions which are CERL members
- Originally hosted by RLG; currently being moved to OCLC's servers

The HPB is searchable by

- Author
- Title
- Date range
- Language
- Keyword
- Etc.

- Imprint town
- Imprint word
- Imprint date
- Printer or publisher
- Holding institution
- Multi-lingual assisted searching

Connect

Derived cataloguing

- Member libraries have the resources of the HPB available for downloading records for their own cataloguing projects
- The new OCLC interface will provide facilities for members to edit and update their own records on the HPB

CERL's resources

The CERL Portal

The CERL Portal

- 2005-2007: under development at the University of Uppsala
- Originally intended to perform distributed searching on manuscript catalogues using OAI protocol
- Current version can cross-search manuscript and printed books catalogues using Z39.50
- **http://cerl.epc.ub.uu.se/sportal/**

The CERL Portal : Search

All words | Advanced search. For fewer search options, click here

Person | CERL Thesaurus | Place | CERL Thesaurus

Title | Shelfmark

Subject | Year

Search | Clear

The fields in the column above are not supported by all databases.

Manuscripts

Local index	Remote index
Waller Collection, Uppsala, Sweden	Royal Library, Denmark
Manuscriptorium, Czech Rp.	National Library of Scotland
National Library of Portugal	
National Library of Australia	
Digital Scriptorium, Columbia UL, USA	
Ediffah, Sweden	

Early printed material

Local index	Remote index
Manuscriptorium (prints), Czech Rp.	Hand Press Book Database
	English Short Title Catalogue

Language: Dansk | Deutsch | English | Español | Français | Hrvatski | Italiano | Nederlands | Svenska

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CERL's resources

The CERL Thesaurus

Creation of the Thesaurus

- Developed for CERL by the Data Conversion Group at the Niedersächsische Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek, Göttingen
- Planned by CERL's Advisory Task Group
- First launched in 1999
- New user interface with enhanced facilities, 2006
- Free resource available to the whole library and scholarly community

The CERL Thesaurus

The *CERL Thesaurus* contains names of

- persons
- corporate bodies
- places
- printers/publishers

recorded in books or other material printed during the hand-press era (1450 – *c.* 1830).

Data in the CERL Thesaurus

- Authority files contributed by CERL member libraries and other libraries and projects concentrating on the history of the book
- Searchable in one integrated system.
- Currently contains 655,584 records (last update: 2 July 2007)

DATA SUPPLIED BY

- Bayerische Staatsbibliothek München
- Biblioteka Uniwersytecka w Warszawie
- Bibliothèque nationale de France
- British Library
- Cathedral Libraries Catalogue
- Die Deutsche Bibliothek
- Istituto Centrale per il Catalogo Unico
- Koninklijke Bibliotheek, The Hague
- Kungliga biblioteket Sveriges nationalbibliotek, Stockholm
- Nacionalna i Sveučilišna Knjižnica, Zagreb

Lugduni, Lyon, Lione, …

The CERL Thesaurus file contains forms of names as found in material printed before the middle of the nineteenth century:

- Forms in Latin
- Forms in other European languages
- Variant spellings found in early books



imprint places ? st an Browse Search Clear

Search mode: truncated exact | Lines per page: 10 | Provenance only

< Previous

Record Identifier cnl00005985

Headings Saint Andrews

Found in [Diercke] [Geo-Duden] [Pollard/Redgrave, 1991, Vol.3]

Variant Forms

Andreae Coenobium
Andreopolis [Deschamps]
Fanum Reguli
Saint Andrew [Urso]
Sancti Andreae Fanum [Deschamps]
Andreapoli
Andreapolis
Sainct Andrewes
Sainct-Andrewes
Sainct-Andrews
Saint-Andrews
Sanct Androws
Sanctandrois
Sanctus Andreas in Scotia [Orbis]
St Andrews
St. Andrews

Last Modification: 16.09.2006

CERL Thesaurus entry for St Andrews

Who worked where?

The CERL Thesaurus supports internal linking between imprint place names and imprint personal names.

Users can find which printers or booksellers are recorded in the CERL Thesaurus as having worked in a specific town.

Examples from St Andrews

- Clicking the "Related records" button opens a list of all imprint names for "St Andrews"
- Each name in the list links to the Thesaurus record for that person
- The record for Edward Raban gives links to his devices in CERL's digitised McKerrow

Examples

Imprint names

- Printers, booksellers, publishers
- Biographical information
- Dates of activity
- Addresses
- Mottoes
- Devices
- Variant forms of names

Personal names

- Authors, editors, commentators, illustrators, and others persons with intellectual and artistic responsibility for the work
- Variant forms in ancient and modern languages
- Can be used for Assisted Searching

Personal names – example

- Publius Terentius Afer
- Terence
- Térence
- Terenz
- Terenzio
- …


personal names
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terence
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1 terence, ... = terence
1 terencio = terence
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1 terencius afer, publius = terenti
1 terent'ev, boris m
1 terent'eva, i. v
1 terentev-katanskii, a. p. = teren
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Deselect all
Show select
Variant Forms
Afer, Publius T.
Afer, Publius Terentius
Térence
Térence, ...
Térence <de Carthage>
Terencio
Terentio
Terentio, ...
Terentios
Terentius
Terentius Afer, ...
Terentius Afer, P.
Terentius Africanus, Publius
Terentius Apher, Publius
Terentius, Publius
Terentius, Publius A.
Terentius, Publius S.
Terentius <Afer>
Terentius <Comicus>
Terentius <Komödiendichter>
Terentius <von Karthago>
Terentius <von Libyen>
Terentius <Writer of Comedy>
Terenz, ...
Terenz [B 1986]
Terenzio
Terenzio Africano, Publio
Terenzio Afro, P.
Terenzio, Publio
Terenzius, Publius
Ternetius Afer, ...
Ternetius Apher, Publius
Therencius

Merging names

- several records for many names (from different sources)
- Deduplication is being done
  - Automated: DCG, Göttingen
  - Manual: BSB Munich

Examples

New Thesaurus interface

- New SRU interface for access to the CERL Thesaurus
- In use for *Assisted Searching* from the HPB and the CERL Portal from May 2007
- Available for use by other databases and projects needing multi-lingual name variants

CERL's resources

Assisted Searching

Assisted searching (1)

- The CERL Thesaurus can be used to support effective searching in bibliographical databases
- Users do not need to know all possible variant forms of imprint names or place names.
- The **Hand Press Book Database** and the **CERL Portal** can retrieve variant forms from the **CERL Thesaurus** to use as search terms, which can substantially improve the effectiveness of the search.

Assisted searching (HPB)

Paris :: Lutetiae, Parisiis, Luteciae Parisiorum, Parisius, Paris, Parigi, …

Milano :: Mediolanum, Mediolanium, Medyolanum, Mailand, Milan, …

Search the Hand Press Book Database

Bologna:

Simple search **3499** hits

Assisted search **9225** hits

Assisted searching (Portal)

The **Advanced Search** screen of the CERL Portal also uses the CERL Thesaurus for assisted searching on

- Places
- Personal names

Place = **Firenze**

Simple search : 12 hits

Assisted search : 51 hits

CERL's resources

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Geographical areas

BELGIUM

Royal Library of Belgium

The Section of Old and Rare Books ('Réserve précieuse/Kostbare Werken') has been cataloguing the provenances of old and rare books since the beginning of the 1990s. This information can now be consulted on-line.

Areas covered include incunables (see also below under Incunables) and post-incunables but also the 17th and 18th century books printed in Brussels (about 20.000 items) and for quite a number of old and rare imprints which are recent acquisitions or have been retrospectively catalogued.

For information on the post-incunables, see the Royal Library's website http://www.kbr.be/informations/projets/post_incunables/post_incunables_fr.html
Contact name: Bart Op de Beeck, Responsible for the Section of Old and Rare Books (odbeeck@kbr.be).

DENMARK

Database of missing books – Royal Library, Copenhagen

In addition to the list of Det Kongelige Bibliotek's missing books and their history, this site gives detailed information on owners' marks, stamps, monograms, bindings, etc. which characterise and identify books having their origin in the royal collections.

FRANCE

La base Provenance des livres anciens at the Bibliothèque Municipale de Lyon

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Bibliothèque Municipale de Lyon

Base Provenance des livres anciens

Click on the labels ''Possesseurs'', ''Info. possesseur'', ''Transcription'', ''Marque du possesseur'', ''Date'', ''Cote'', to obtain a drop-down list of the relevant search terms.

Bibliothèque Sainte-Geneviève

Reliures estampées à froid

The Bibliothèque Sainte Geneviève, Paris, has launched a valuable web-based database of its blind-stamped bindings found on manuscripts and printed books from the 12th to the 18th centuries. In addition to digitised images of rubbings showing the binding tools used, and notes on the origins of the bindings, the database has an index of provenances for the books in question.

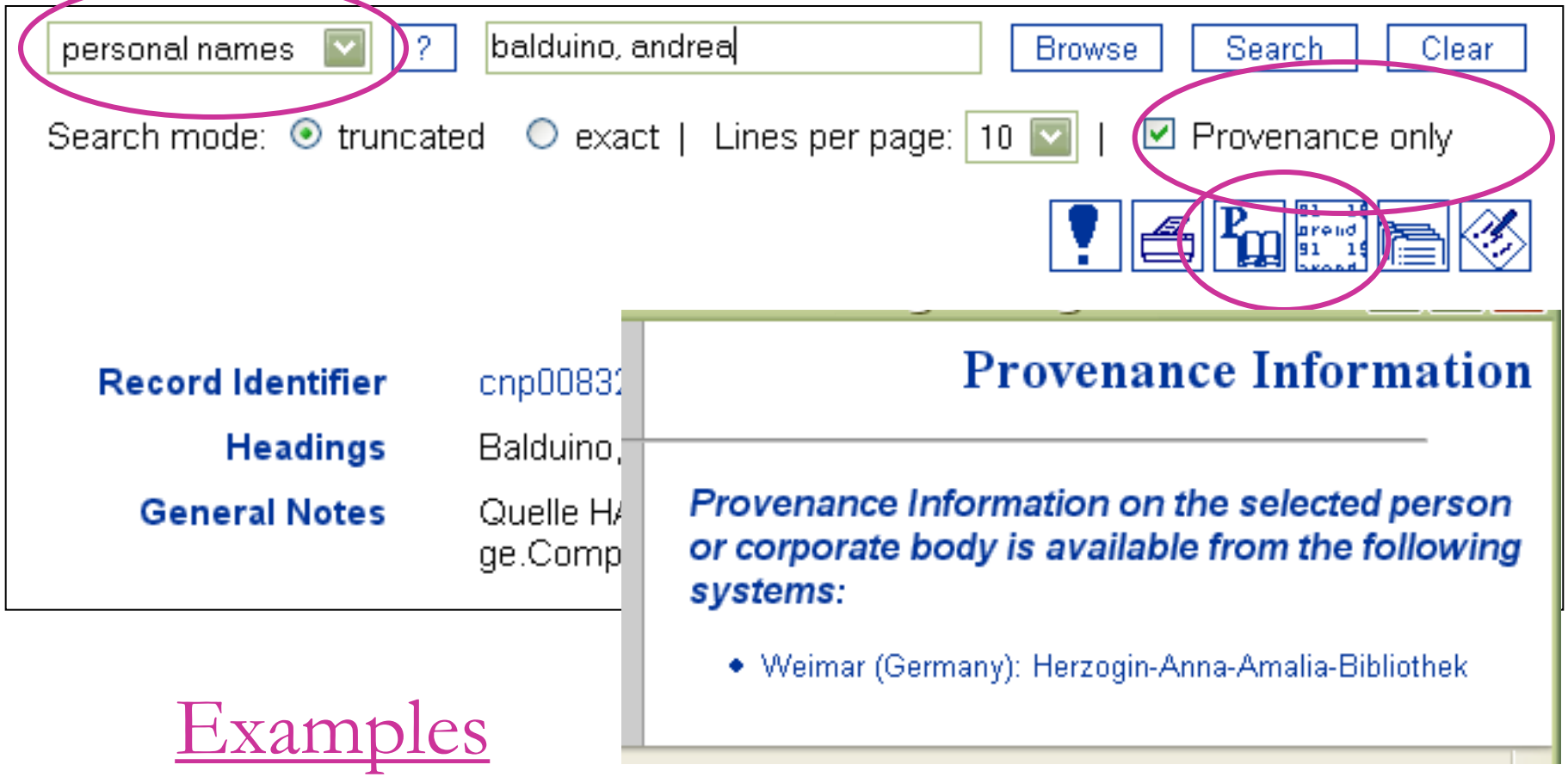
From the main page, click on ''Recherche'' to go to the search page, and then use the ''Provenance'' search field. The ''Index'' link produces a clickable list of all the provenance names in the database.

From the new CERL web site

Provenance names

- CERL is extending the Thesaurus to cover names of former owners of books
- More catalogues are now recording names of previous owners
- It is now possible to search for names which are recorded as owning books
- A link is offered to the catalogues recording these occurrences

Provenance search



Examples

CERL's resources

Digitisation

Digitised printers' devices

- McKerrow, Ronald B., *Printers' & Publishers' Devices in England & Scotland 1485-1640*. London, 1913
- Renouard, Philippe, *Les Marques typographiques parisiennes des XVe et XVIe siècles*. Paris, 1926
- A programme of digitisation of other works is planned in cooperation with the Royal Library, Copenhagen and the Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin

Printer's devices

- McKerrow, *Printers' & Publishers' Devices* : http://www2.kb.dk/elib/bhs/mckerrow/
- individual images extracted and linked in the Thesaurus
- Renouard, *Marques*: individual images extracted and linked in the Thesaurus
- Programme for further digitisation planned for 2007 and 2008

Examples

CERL's resources

CERL Thesaurus

Scholars' Notepad

Scholars' Notepad

The CERL Thesaurus includes an **annotations facility** which enables bibliographers and scholars to exchange their views about the information recorded in CERL Thesaurus records.

Annotations are also a basis for on-going quality improvement of the CERL Thesaurus.

Example of an annotation



Example

The CERL Thesaurus

- Is available freely for public use
- Contributions are invited from
  - *Libraries*: authority files, etc.
  - *Scholars*: annotations and corrections
- Can be used for Assisted Searching under licence from CERL

CERL's resources

Publications

CERL Seminar 2004
National Library of Scotland
CERL's 10th anniversary

6 speakers from Scotland, France, Italy, Germany, Poland

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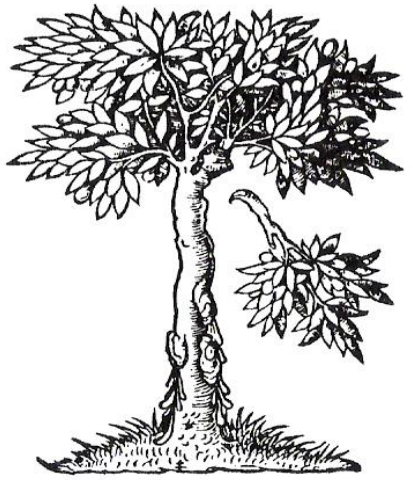
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CERL PAPERS · V

Books and their owners:
provenance information and the European cultural heritage

Papers presented on 12 November 2004
at the CERL conference hosted by
the National Library of Scotland, Edinburgh

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Joining in CERL's work

Participation

Many member libraries contribute

- Files for the HPB, Thesaurus and Portal
- Speakers for seminars and workshops
- Staff for committees and working groups
- Administrative help for collaborative projects
- Authors for publications

Benefits

- Institution-wide access to the Hand Press Book Database for consultation
- Staff access to HPB to download MARC records for derived cataloguing
- Access to CERL's member network for rare-books professional resources
- Copies of CERL publications
- Participation in developing CERL's public access activities

CERL MEMBERS IN THE UK

- British Library, London
- National Library of Scotland, Edinburgh
- National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth
- University of London Libraries (ULL and UCL)
- University of Oxford Libraries
- University of St Andrews
- Centre for Publishing Studies, University of Stirling

RECENT NEW CERL MEMBERS

- University of Bologna
- National Library of Luxemburg
- Senate Library, Rome
- Centre for Publishing Studies, Stirling
- University of St Andrews
- ABINIA (S. American national libraries group)
- Polish Rare-Books Research Libraries Group

Membership costs

- National libraries and similar: € 8,000 p.a.
- Specialist libraries, museums: € 2,500 / € 1,000 p.a.
- Group membership: € 8,000 + € 3,500 per member
- Special arrangements by negotiation
- All have access to HPB

A London Group?

- Is there interest in negotiating the formation of a London group of libraries with rare books holdings?
- Possibly incorporating the existing ULL / UCL members in a new package membership
- CERL would be very willing to discuss this with any interested participants

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