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Conservation By Design Announces 2010 Scholarship Winner

Rachel Sawicki, a book conservation intern at The Chester Beatty Library in Dublin, has been chosen as the lucky recipient of this year's Nicholas Hadgraft Memorial Scholarship.

Now in its sixth year, the coveted scholarship awarded by Conservation By Design (CXD) offers £1000 towards the cost of attending the Montefiascone Book Conservation Summer School; a unique bookbinding course held each year in the medieval town of Montefiascone, Italy. The school runs for four weeks during July and August and each course is taught by well known and highly regarded tutors such as Cheryl Porter, Director of the Montefiascone project; John Mumford, Head of Manuscript Conservation at the Thesaurus Islamicus Foundation and Caroline Checkley-Scott, Head of Collection Care at the John Rylands University library.

Rachel intends to use her scholarship to attend two courses – Recreating the Medieval Palette and Introduction to Islamic Book Structure.

Conservation By Design managing director, Mike Brown said: "The scholarship continues to go from strength to strength and is now a highly prestigious, internationally renowned award. This year we received entries from all over the world, including the USA, Greece, Spain, Italy, Turkey, Israel, Egypt and Kenya. The quality and number of entries we receive grows each year and is testament to the high regard in which it is held within the conservation sector.

“As always, the quality of entries was outstanding and choosing just one winner was a real challenge. We were particularly impressed by Rachel's obvious passion for her work and enthusiasm for learning new skills and expanding her knowledge.”

Winner, Rachel Sawicki said: “The Montefiascone School has such a renowned reputation I was thrilled to be offered this amazing opportunity and I'm extremely grateful to Conservation By Design for awarding me the scholarship. I'm currently working on a collection of Islamic bound documents so the courses I've chosen are a perfect fit and will be particularly beneficial to my career in conservation.”

The scholarship is offered in memory of Dr Nicholas Hadgraft, a good friend of Conservation By Design who died tragically in 2004. Nicholas was a fellow of the University of the Arts London and a key collaborator on the “Squelch Drying” technique devised by Stuart Welch (the founder of CXD), the most effective way to date of drying valuable rare books.

For further information on the Nicholas Hadgraft Memorial Scholarship, contact Conservation By Design on 01234 846 360 or visit www.conservation-by-design.co.uk.

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