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BEDFORD, UK, FRIDAY 17TH JUNE 2006:

Winner announced for Scholarship to historic book summer school!

In 2005 Conservation By Design Limited (CXD) awarded their first Nicholas Hadgraft Memorial Scholarship to a second year art conservation student at Buffalo State College, NY, USA - Marieka Kaye who gained unique benefit from her experience at the summer school in Italy.

Now in its second year, the 2006 scholarship has just been awarded to Rachel Lloyd, Cambridge, UK this award will enable Rachel to attend this unique course, to share knowledge and love of precious books and bookbinding in the picturesque Italian town of Montefiascone.

This annual scholarship is offered in memory of Dr Nicholas Hadgraft a good friend of Conservation By Design Limited, who died tragically on July 4th 2004. Nicholas was a research Fellow of the University of the Arts London and a well liked and hugely respected professional in his field. He was a key collaborator on the Squelch Drying technique devised by CXD first used following a flood at the Founders Library, Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge which proved to be the best way to date of drying valuable rare books and is still being used after the devastating floods in Prague.

Stuart Welch, the Managing Director of Conservation By Design Limited, (CXD) said We would like to thank everyone from all over the world who applied and made this year decision very difficult as the quality of submissions was so high. We felt that Rachel Lloyd s application was a worthy recipient of this year s scholarship not only was her application extremely well presented but her references were excellent. We were particularly impressed with Rachel s experience in archive conservation, her sheer determination and sincere enthusiasm and passion for bookbinding -This award would have pleased Nicholas very much.

We hope CXD s support in her quest for new skills and techniques will help to further Rachel s career, benefit our cultural heritage and lead to new friendships .

Rachel Lloyd currently works for Churchill Archives Centre, Cambridge, UK but is soon to take up a new post with Staffordshire Records Office, Stafford, UK she received the news by telephone and said When Stuart called me and told me I had won the Scholarship I was speechless, I am so thrilled to be offered this amazing opportunity and so excited about the prospect of going out to Montefiascone.

Conservation By Design Limited will make a formal presentation of the scholarship award at the IPC conference in July at Edinburgh. Scotland.

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