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Press Release

New Director EBLIDA

EBLIDA, the European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations, is pleased to announce the appointment of its new Director. Joanne Yeomans started working with EBLIDA from March 1st 2009, allowing a period of transition with the present director, Andrew Cranfield. Joanne will take over fully from Andrew from May 1st 2009.

The president of EBLIDA, Gerald Leitner, says "It is a great pleasure for us to announce the appointment of our new director. We believe that Joanne has the necessary skills and background to continue EBLIDA's important work for libraries, archives and information providers in Europe. The EBLIDA Executive Committee and I very much look forward to working with Joanne".

Joanne holds an MA in Information and Library Studies from Loughborough University, and a BSc in Mathematics and Physics from the University of Warwick in the UK. Since 2003 she has been the Section Leader for Library Services at CERN (the European Organisation for Nuclear Research) in Geneva where she also worked on various Open Access projects. She previously worked in two university libraries in the UK where her main interest was in improving access to information through scientific subject support and information skills training. On her appointment she said: "There is still so much to clarify with regards copyright law for the digital library environment, and EBLIDA therefore remains vital for the defence of the interests of European libraries. I am very excited about having the opportunity to contribute to EBLIDA's work and look forward to strengthening the role of the Director's Office in serving its members".

Members of EBLIDA will have the opportunity to meet Joanne at the EBLIDA Council Meeting in Vienna from the 7th to the 9th May 2009.

EBLIDA, European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations, was established in 1992 as a non-governmental, non-profit umbrella organisation representing libraries on a European level. Subjects on which EBLIDA concentrates are culture, copyright, Information Society related matters and information technology. More info at www.eblida.org