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## **Conservation By Design Announces 2009 Scholarship Winner**

Louise Robertson, a paper conservator at The Glasgow School of Art in Scotland, has been chosen as the lucky recipient of this year's Nicholas Hadgraft Memorial Scholarship.

Now in its fifth 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 week features a different course and tutor. Louise intends to use her scholarship to two courses at the end of August - Late 18<sup>th</sup> Century French Binding Structures and the Ethiopian Bindings Workshop.

Conservation By Design managing director, Mike Brown said: "As always, the quality of entries was outstanding and choosing just one winner was a real challenge. We were particularly impressed by Louise's obvious passion for her work and enthusiasm for learning new skills and expanding her knowledge.

"Since we first launched the Nicholas Hadgraft Memorial Scholarship five years ago, it has evolved into a highly prestigious, internationally renowned award. We have received entries from all over the world, including the USA, Canada, Cuba, Mexico, Italy and Germany. 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."

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Winner, Louise Robertson said: "I am thrilled to be offered this amazing opportunity and I'm extremely grateful to Conservation By Design for awarding me the scholarship, I really wouldn't have been able to attend the course without their support. The Montefiascone School offers a wonderful learning environment and I'm really excited about the chance to widen my bookwork skills."

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](http://www.conservation-by-design.co.uk).

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