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Conservation By Design Reveals 2011 Scholarship Winner

Conservation By Design (CXD) has announced Bohuslava Ticha, a book and paper conservator from the Czech Republic, as the lucky recipient of this year's coveted Nicholas Hadgraft Memorial Scholarship.

The renowned scholarship offers one conservator each year the opportunity to learn more about unique bookbinding techniques from a host of well known and highly regarded tutors. Bohuslava, who currently works for the Czech National Archives, intends to use her scholarship to learn more about conservation techniques for Islamic bindings.

Bohuslava will receive £1,000 towards the cost of attending the acclaimed Montefiascone Book Conservation Summer School, which takes place over four weeks in July and August in the medieval town of Montefiascone, Italy. The school runs courses covering specialist topics such as recreation of the medieval palette and the exploration of Spanish early account book bindings.

Bohuslava commented: "The Czech National Library has a rare collection of Islamic books, which I understand has never been conserved before. Unfortunately, the Czech Republic have few specialists in this area, so I am delighted that the scholarship will develop my skills and help conserve this important collection for the future."

Conservation By Design managing director, Mike Brown, said: "Every year we are astounded by the quality of the applications we receive, and this year has been no

exception. The scholarship is now so highly regarded within the conservation sector that we are receiving interest from all over the globe.”

“Selecting just one winner is never easy, however with Bohuslava, we believe we have found a true talent that should be nurtured. We are sure that her passion for conservation will serve her well both during the course in Italy, and as she carves a bright future for herself in her chosen specialism.”

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 846 300 or visit www.conservation-by-design.co.uk.