

Sarah Durrant announced as Chief Executive of ALPSP

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ALPSP, the international trade association for scholarly and professional publishers, announces Sarah Durrant is new Chief Executive.

The Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers (ALPSP) is delighted to announce the appointment of Sarah Durrant as Chief Executive.

With members in 40 countries, ALPSP represents the scholarly and professional publishing industry to stakeholders and policy makers around the globe, provides a wealth of information and advice, best practice leadership and a variety of professional development and networking activities.

Sarah brings to ALPSP more than twenty years experience in scholarly publishing gained in a variety of roles at major publishing houses and related organizations. Since 2007 she has been Managing Director of Red Sage Consulting and for the past 3 years has served as Secretary General of the Association of Subscription Agents and Intermediaries (ASA).

Speaking of her appointment, Chair of the Council of ALPSP Toby Green said "We are very pleased that Sarah Durrant has chosen to join ALPSP. The Association will mark its 40th anniversary in 2012 and continues to grow and to go from strength-to-strength. Sarah is absolutely the right person to build on ALPSP's achievements and take the Association forward so that it can continue to serve the needs of the scholarly and professional publishing community".

Sarah Durrant said "I am delighted to be working for ALPSP. Ian Russell and the ALPSP team have done a tremendous job of raising the organisation's profile and enhancing understanding and knowledge of scholarly publishing, inside the sector and beyond. I look forward to working with ALPSP members and to ensuring the Association continues to help them achieve their goals."

Sarah replaces Ian Russell and joins ALPSP on September 1, 2011.

Notes for editors

About the Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers

The Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers (ALPSP) is the world's largest trade association for scholarly and professional publishers. It has over 360 organizational members in 40 countries who collectively publish over 10,000 journals – around half the world's total – as well as books, databases and other products.

ALPSP's mission is to connect, train and inform the scholarly and professional publishing community and to be an advocate on behalf of the non-profit publishing sector. ALPSP plays an active part in shaping the future of academic and professional communication, promoting 'Scholarship-Friendly Publishing'. At this time of unprecedented change in the publishing environment, we serve, represent and strengthen the community of non-profit and mission-driven publishers, and those who work with them.

About Sarah Durrant

Sarah Durrant has more than twenty years experience in scholarly publishing having held positions at Harcourt Brace & Company, John Wiley & Sons, Catchword/Ingenta (now part of Publishing Technology plc) and the International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP). More recently she has been running her own successful consultancy, Red Sage, and acting as Secretary General of the Association of Subscription Agents & Intermediaries.

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