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## **Congratulations to UKSG's Second Merriman Award Winner**

UKSG, the organisation that connects the information community, is pleased to announce the second winner of its annual John Merriman Award, set up in recognition of the founder of UKSG and NASIG. Mary Betts-Gray, Business Information Specialist/Freedom of Information Officer at Cranfield University, will receive funding from Award sponsor Taylor & Francis to attend the 2010 NASIG Conference in Palm Springs, California.

The Award enables UKSG and NASIG members working at a practical level in e-resource management to learn and share experiences with colleagues from around the world. The UKSG Education Subcommittee recognised Mary Betts-Gray's initiative and commitment, and felt that she would effectively share experience and ideas gained at the NASIG conference with her colleagues and the wider UKSG community. Meanwhile, NASIG has awarded its 2011 Merriman Award to Elizabeth Siler, Electronic Resources Librarian at Florida International University, Miami.

UKSG is grateful to its Merriman Award sponsor, Taylor & Francis, which makes a generous contribution toward the costs of travel, accommodation and associated expenses. Ian Bannerman, Managing Director, Journals at Taylor & Francis explains why the organisation sponsors the Award: "The UKSG and NASIG conferences are among the best forums for librarians, publishers and agents to share their views and shape the scholarly information landscape. We hope that our ongoing support of this annual award will inspire even greater cross-fertilization of ideas between the two events."

"I am absolutely delighted to receive the 2011 John Merriman Award," adds Mary Betts-Gray. "My research projects in recent years have addressed topics including cultural barriers to institutional repository growth and ways of overcoming these through sustained advocacy and developing a Current Research Information System; UKSG has been invaluable to me as a source of information about research, initiatives and projects and as an organisation which encourages collaboration and debate about scholarly communication. This Award gives me an exciting opportunity to continue my research at NASIG and to exchange ideas and practices with colleagues in the US."

For more information, please visit <http://www.uksg.org/events/merrimanaward>

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### **About UKSG**

UKSG exists to connect the information community and encourage the exchange of ideas on scholarly communication. It spans the wide range of interests and activities of the extended scholarly information community of librarians, publishers, intermediaries and technology vendors. In a dynamic environment, UKSG works to:

- facilitate community integration, networking, discussion and exchange of ideas
- improve members' knowledge of the scholarly information sector and support skills development
- stimulate research and collaborative initiatives, encourage innovation and promote standards for good practice
- disseminate news, information and publications, and raise awareness of services that support the scholarly information sector.

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