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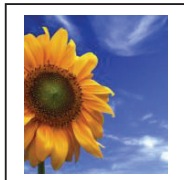
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Professor Luciana Duranti

The 10th LUCAS AGM, 7th February 2008

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AGM Lecture

The 10th AGM of Liverpool University Centre for Archive Studies was held on 7th February and was well attended by nearly 60 students, academics and archives professionals.

Speaking at the meeting was Professor Luciana Duranti of the University of British Columbia, particularly well known for her work in the field of diplomatics. Since 1998, Duranti has been Director of the interPARES (International Research on Permanent Authentic Records in Electronic Systems) project, which aims to explore the issue of authenticity in the long-term preservation of electronic records. The third stage of interPARES began in 2007 and seeks to build upon the theory and method explored in stages 1 and 2, to offer practical solutions to the authentication of electronic records.

At the AGM, Duranti's presentation 'It's All About Trust: the reliability, accuracy and authenticity of digital records' focused upon this issue, stressing its current urgency in the digital age. Duranti emphasized the ease with which original versions of electronic records can be manipulated without trace, thereby highlighting the need for a proactive response from the archival community through-out the record's lifecycle.

The presentation was well received and followed by a lively question and answer session. Following the AGM, the discussion continued over drinks and refreshments served in the University's Science Lecture Block.

The lecture is available as a podcast from
www.liv.ac.uk/lucas/Sequence%2001.wmv

Further details on the interPARES project can be found at
www.interpares.org.