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### Tom Claeson of LYRASIS Invited to Salzburg Global Seminar

Atlanta, GA, October 1, 2009 — Tom Claeson, Senior Consultant for New Initiatives at LYRASIS, will participate in the Salzburg Global Seminar, "Connecting to the World's Collections: Making the Case for Conservation and Preservation of our Cultural Heritage," in Salzburg, Austria, from October 28 – November 1, 2009.

Participants in the seminar attend by invitation only, representing more than twenty-five countries in every region of the world. They are selected for their knowledge, focus, and experience on conservation and preservation issues. The seminar, conducted in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), Washington, DC, will build on the IMLS initiative on collections care, "Connecting to Collections: A Call to Action," to explore global themes, issues, challenges, and successes related to conservation and preservation.

"Participating in the Salzburg Global Seminar gives me the opportunity to observe the latest and best practices in conservation and preservation from across the world and to enrich education on these topics for LYRASIS members and our consulting clients," said Claeson.

Tom Claeson has over 20 years of national and international experience in preservation and digitization services, including serving as co-leader of Digital Futures events in the United Kingdom and Australia. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees of Heritage Preservation and was formerly a representative from the Society of American Archivists to the Joint Committee on Archives, Libraries, and Museums. He has led statewide and regional collaborative initiatives on preservation and digitization. For the IMLS "Connecting to Collections" planning projects, he serves as lead consultant in seven US states. Claeson's major areas of expertise include statewide preservation and digitization, preservation program management, disaster preparedness, digital program management, digital preservation, and cultural heritage market research.

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### About LYRASIS

Created in April, 2009 by the merger of PALINET and SOLINET and joined shortly thereafter by NELINET, LYRASIS is the nation's largest regional membership organization serving libraries and information professionals - providing opportunities for networking and collaboration, offering innovative solutions, and significant cost savings through group purchasing for products and services. For more information, please visit [www.lyrasis.org](http://www.lyrasis.org).

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