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LYRASIS Expands Special Collections Consulting Through Atlas Systems Partnership

Atlanta, GA, February 15, 2010 - LYRASIS has launched a new partnership with Atlas Systems, Inc., to expand its consulting services in the area of special collections and archives. The partnership pairs nationally known experts Tom Claeson of LYRASIS and Christian Dupont of Atlas Systems to assist LYRASIS member institutions with improving their special collections and archives practices, policies, and workflows.

Lynn Sutton, dean of the Z. Smith Reynolds Library, Wake Forest University, NC, recently took advantage of the new partnership for a program review of the library's special collections and archives. Claeson and Dupont conducted an onsite assessment of the entire operation, including staffing, resources, and workflow. "We were thrilled with the consultants' report. It is enormously useful to me in planning the future direction of this department," Sutton said.

Tom Claeson, senior consultant for new initiatives at LYRASIS, has over 20 years of national and international experience in preservation and digitization services, including serving as co-leader of international Digital Futures events and participation in the Salzburg Global Seminar. He has led numerous statewide and regional collaborative initiatives on preservation and digitization. For the IMLS "Connecting to Collections" statewide preservation 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.

Since 2008, Christian Dupont has worked with Atlas Systems, Inc., a leading library software developer, to create and promote Aeon, an online circulation and request workflow management system specifically designed for special collections and archives. Formerly director of special collections at the University of Virginia and Syracuse University, Dupont consults for special collections libraries and archives in the areas of operational workflow assessment, organizational management, and facilities design and renovation, drawing on more than fifteen years experience in the field. An active member of several library professional

organizations, his recent leadership roles have included serving as ALA co-chair for the ALA/SAA/AAM Joint Committee on Archives, Libraries and Museums (CALM) and chair of the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS) of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL).

For more information about LYRASIS Consulting Services, please visit www.lyrasis.org/Products-and-Services/Consulting.aspx.

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.

About Atlas Systems

Founded in July 1995 with the mission of "promoting library excellence through efficiency," Atlas Systems, Inc., is best known for creating the ILLiad interlibrary loan management system, now exclusively distributed by OCLC and used by more than 1,000 libraries worldwide. Focused on bringing the benefits of automation to library processes that have not been addressed by other software services, Atlas has introduced Ares, an electronic reserves solution, and Aeon, an online circulation and request workflow management system for special collections and archives. Atlas is headquartered in Virginia Beach, VA, and may be visited on the web at www.atlas-sys.com.

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