

**The DPC starts the new year with a new chair: Richard Ovenden, Associate Director and Keeper of Special Collections, Bodleian Library, University of Oxford was elected chair of the Digital Preservation Coalition (DPC) at our AGM in November 2009.**

Founded 2001, the DPC is a not-for-profit membership organisation whose primary objective is to raise awareness of the importance of the preservation of digital material and the attendant strategic, cultural and technological issues.

Richard Ovenden is the third chair of the Coalition succeeding Ronald Milne who became Chair in 2006 and Dame Lynne Brindley, Chief Executive of the British Library who originally chaired the organisation.

Richard Ovenden said: 'I'm delighted to take on this role at an exciting time for the Coalition. With thirty members the DPC is a diverse and large coalition, representing a significant cross section of the scientific and cultural organisations in the UK and Ireland. All face the same challenge of ensuring that our digital memory is available for future generations. It makes sense that we all work together to achieve this common goal. The challenge – and the opportunity – is shared by all of us.'

William Kilbride, Executive Director of the DPC said: 'Richard has been a Board director for several years and I am very much looking forward to working with him in this new role.'