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SLA EUROPE: NEW SLA REPRESENTATIVE FOR GERMANY

The Board of SLA Europe is pleased to announce that Michael Fanning, CEO, Online Consultants International GmbH has been appointed the new SLA country representative for Germany, taking over the role from Elka Sloan.

(05.10.2009) Elka Sloan, one of the German information community's best known personalities and industry pioneer, is standing down from the position of SLA country representative for Germany. Having flown the SLA flag in German speaking Europe for many years in her capacity both as an experienced researcher, as well as a recruitment specialist, Elka is currently pursuing new professional challenges and felt the time had come to hand over the responsibility for representing the SLA in Germany.

Announcing the transition, SLA Europe President Géraldine Clément-Stoneham said: "Both SLA Europe and the SLA as whole would like to thank Elka for her valuable contribution to building bridges on behalf of information professionals. She did this not only between London and Frankfurt but also between the teaching and business communities in Germany. We wish her all the best for the future and, with the new representative Michael Fanning, we will strive to build further upon the foundations she has laid down."

Michael Fanning is the CEO of Online Consultants International GmbH in Karlsruhe. An experienced observer of the German information market, he is a specialist in information access rights as well as the research, analysis and interpretation of information markets. Michael is the author of the SLA's 2008 study "Impulse for growth!" which examined the status of information professionals in Germany and gave an overview of the associations that represent them.

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SLA Europe

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