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Tom Garnett, Program Director  
Biodiversity Heritage Library

Dear Mr. Garnett,

As the chair of the Outstanding Collaboration Citation for Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS), it is my pleasure to inform you that Biodiversity Heritage Library (BHL) was nominated and selected as one of the award recipients for 2010.

Our committee was quite impressed with BHL's noteworthy collaborative effort to fulfill a scholarly need by providing open access to a large corpus of historical materials on biodiversity within the biological, ecological and environmental sciences. BHL has grown into an international collaborative digitization project by working with 12 major natural history museum libraries, botanical libraries, and research institutions in the United States and United Kingdom. Through digitization and preservation, materials are made available, through an open access platform, to scholars and researchers around the world.

There will be an ALCTS Awards Ceremony at the American Library Association conference in Washington, D.C. The ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 27, 5:30-6:30 PM. We look forward to your attendance.

Charles Wilt, the Executive Director of ALCTS, will follow up in the spring, tentatively in May, with more details on the ceremony's location, procedures, and expectations. Please provide us the complete contact information for further correspondence.

Congratulations on receiving this distinctive award for innovative collaboration during the year of Biodiversity Year 2010!

Please do not hesitate to contact Charles Wilt at [cwilt@ala.org](mailto:cwilt@ala.org) or myself at [maryjo.venetis@utadallas.edu](mailto:maryjo.venetis@utadallas.edu) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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