CBHL Charles Robert Long Award of Extraordinary Merit to Biodiversity Heritage Library

Biodiversity Heritage Library (BHL) received the Charles Robert Long Award of Extraordinary Merit on May 9, 2013 from the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries (CBHL).

The Charles Robert Long Award of Extraordinary Merit is the highest honor presented by CBHL. This honor was established to recognize outstanding service to CBHL and/or to the field of botanical and horticultural literature, information services and research. The award was presented to BHL during CBHL's annual meeting hosted this year by Michigan State University Libraries. First presented in 1988, this marks the first year an organization has won the Long Award.

Praised for global collaboration among libraries, innovative outreach, and the highest bibliographic and technology standards, BHL was determined to embody all the qualities of the Long Award. BHL envisions collaboration and cooperation among botanical libraries on a scale not previously attempted. Through its efforts to foster research across borders and disciplines, BHL has made itself indispensible in many areas of the globe where botanical and biological libraries are unavailable to scholars. Considered to be the world's largest digitization project for biodiversity literature, BHL has catalyzed partner projects in Europe, Brazil, China, Egypt, and Australia. In an era that is increasingly focused on biodiversity, BHL has become an indispensible resource for many scholars, scientists and students. For more information about BHL, visit http://www.biodiversitylibrary.org.

CBHL is the leading professional organization in the field of botanical and horticultural information services. It recognizes the crucial importance of collecting, preserving, and making accessible the accumulated knowledge about plants for present and future generation. For more information about CBHL, visit http://www.cbhl.net.

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