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Dear Hydra Project Steering Group,

Thank you for inviting the University of York to become Hydra partners.

The University have been users of Fedora Commons since 2008, launching York Digital Library in 2010 with our own custom interface. This interface has served us well, but in late 2014 we decided to move to Hydra, in order to benefit from both the Hydra software and community and to make our repository infrastructure more future proof and collaborative.

We plan to have fully migrated our current Fedora 3 and local interface to Fedora 4 Hydra by the end of 2017, but in the meantime we are already actively working with rails and Hydra. To date, we have contributed to a Hydra Interest Group on page turning, submitted a code improvement to one of the Hydra labs projects and have launched our first Fedora 4 and Hydra application: York Archbishops' Registers Revealed (archbishopsregisters.york.ac.uk). This project has allowed us to explore allied initiatives such as IIF and the work around PCDM, and it is encouraging to see so much joined up activity happening across the community.

We hope that as our expertise with Hydra develops, so will our contributions to the community.

Sincerely,



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