In Memoriam Karin Horn-Hansen

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Karin Hansen, as she was known at ESO, was born in Lyngby in Denmark and began work in the Personnel Department in July 1991 where she was involved in the recruitment process and health insurance. In 1993 she moved to Finance Services and in 1997 became secretary to the Head of Administration. She moved to the Office of the Director General in September 2007 where she continued to act as the contact point at ESO for all matters related to Council. Karin was known for her excellent performance, complete reliability and high motivation, carrying out the complex and demanding tasks in support of Council, the Finance Committee and senior management, always maintaining excellent relationships with her internal and external contacts. She was diagnosed with a serious illness in mid-2008, but seemed to recover and returned to ESO part-time in the spring of 2009 and was married in June. Unfortunately the illness returned, and Karin passed away peacefully on 29 December 2009. She was a remarkable person and will be remembered with great affection by many.