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Journal Supply Chain Efficiency Improvement Pilot Project gets underway

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The British Library, HighWire Press, Ringgold Inc., Swets Information Services B.V. and a group of HighWire-affiliated publishers announced today the launch of a joint initiative in 2006 to explore the creation, prototype implementation and value of a common institutional identifier that can be used throughout the entire industry, from purchaser to end user.

The start of every calendar year is a turbulent time for all parties involved with the journal supply chain, with missing issues, lost access to electronic journals and problems relating to the setting up of initial access. Many problems occur because of communication breakdowns somewhere along that chain. Although each company or organization involved has its own way of recognizing customers, users, clients and subscriptions, one of the aims of this project is that, in the creation and utilization of a standard institutional identifier, these problems will be eliminated, mitigated or at least diagnosed earlier.

As qualified representatives of all stages in the chain, the participants in the pilot project share the belief that integration and standardization are of paramount importance to the successful flow of information. The project will set up real use-case scenarios to discover whether or not the creation of such a standard identifier for institutions will be beneficial to all parties involved and test implementation strategies. The pilot will be limited to the UK customers of all the participants. The British Library will be working with the pilot to look at the implications of providing access to electronic archives. The role of HighWire Press is as a technical advisor at the request of the HighWire-hosted publishers involved in the project. Ringgold have been working with publishers for over three years to create a database of institutions and their metadata, which will form a key basis of the pilot. Swets' role will be to oversee how a standard identifier will affect the workflow between the publishers and consumers of information.

Regular reports and findings discovered during the project will be published online, with comments from the project participants, at <http://www.JournalSupplyChain.org>.

About The British Library

The British Library (<http://www.bl.uk>) is the national library of the United Kingdom. It provides world-class information services to the academic, business, research and scientific communities and offers unparalleled access to the world's largest and most comprehensive research collection.

About HighWire Press

HighWire Press (<http://www.highwire.org>), a division of the Stanford University Libraries, is a not-for-profit electronic journal developing and hosting service, producing the

definitive online versions of high-impact, peer-reviewed journals and other scholarly content.

About Ringgold Inc.

Ringgold provides support for suppliers and publishers, helping them define products and services, fitted to the working environments of potential buyers. It was formed in 2005 from the merger of Information Power Ltd based in Oxford, UK OpenRFP based in Portland, USA and Biblio Tech based in Bristol, UK.

About Swets Information Services

Swets is the world's leading subscription services company, connecting the supply and demand chain that exists between publishers and institutions, libraries and information centres. The company provides services for customers from academic, government, corporate and medical institutions. Swets has been operating successfully for over 100 years. The company has offices in over 20 countries, servicing clients and publishers from over 160 nations.

SAGE announces new offer to NESLi2 institutions for 2006

January 19, 2006

SAGE Publications is pleased to announce a new offer for NESLi2 institutions in 2006. The offer, which is open to all UK research institutes and institutes of further education, has been developed in response to the dialogue that SAGE continues to have with librarians and faculty at UK academic institutions.

The new offering from SAGE is called SAGE Premier, and provides a single, easy route for institutions to 389 full text titles, all via the SAGE Journals Online platform hosted by HighWire. Currently, 11 UK institutions have opted to purchase SAGE Premier via NESLi2 for 2006. A full list of the titles available via SAGE Premier can be viewed at http://www.sagepub.co.uk/PDF/Journals/2006_SAGE_Premier_Title_list.pdf.

The new NESLi2 offer for SAGE Premier will initially run from January to December 2006, with a view to expanding it to longer term, multi-year deals. The previous NESLi2 offer for access to the SAGE Full-Text Collections hosted by CSA is still available and institutions that have already signed up will continue to have access to SAGE titles via their current access routes.

About NESLi2

NESLi2 is the UK's national initiative for the licensing of electronic journals on behalf of the higher and further education and research communities, 2003-2006. NESLi2 is a product of the JISC and underwritten by the Higher Education Funding Council for England on behalf of the Funding Bodies. <http://www.nesli2.ac.uk>

SAGE and CSA sign agreement with Canadian Research Knowledge Network

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SAGE Publications and CSA have entered into a three-year agreement with Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN) to provide CRKN members a comprehensive offering of SAGE titles known as SAGE Collections Plus.

SAGE Collections Plus combines the 10 SAGE Full-Text Collections (through the CSA Illumina platform) with the SAGE journals not included in the SAGE Full-Text Collections (through the SAGE Journals Online platform powered by HighWire Press). The 70 CRKN members represent the majority of academic research libraries at universities in Canada, thereby providing significant new multi disciplinary research material to Canadian academic researchers.

With SAGE Collections Plus, the CRKN consortium will have access to 220 SAGE journals accessible on CSA's Illumina platform and 162 additional SAGE journals accessible on SAGE Journals Online. The ten databases include 87,000+ articles, book reviews and editorials, with all the original graphics and tables, as well as up to 59 years of back issues.