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**SAGE PARTNERS WITH STATEWIDE CALIFORNIA ELECTRONIC LIBRARY CONSORTIUM
TO PROVIDE SAGE'S ONLINE JOURNALS TO MEMBER LIBRARIES**

Los Angeles, London, New Delhi, and Singapore – (January 5, 2007) SAGE Publications and the Statewide California Electronic Library Consortium (SCELC) have signed an agreement to provide member libraries with access to SAGE's online journals.

Thirty-two SCELC libraries now have access to 446 journals via *SAGE Premier*, complete with backfile to 1999. The journals are available on SAGE's online platform, *SAGE Journals Online*, which was recently enhanced with new features and functionality. The three-year contract began on January 1, 2007.

"The *SAGE Premier* journals fit perfectly into the SCELC strategy to increase our digital content by providing our member libraries with access to high-quality, full-text resources," commented Rick Burke, Executive Director of SCELC. "The addition of these excellent journals will provide our private California academic institutions with access to the information they need to conduct their research."

"We are very pleased to welcome SCELC to our constantly expanding SAGE family of consortia," added Tom Taylor, Vice President of Marketing and Sales at SAGE. "The patrons doing research in the SCELC libraries will be able to access these peer-reviewed, ISI-ranked journals, and now, with *SAGE Journals Online* in its newly improved format, their research experience will be even more productive."

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