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**SAGE SIGNS MAJOR NATIONWIDE AGREEMENTS FOR
THE GERMAN ACADEMIC SECTOR**

Los Angeles, London, New Delhi and Singapore (January 14, 2008) – SAGE, the world's fifth largest journals publisher, and the Bavarian State Library (Munich) on behalf of the German Research Foundation, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), have completed a three-year nationwide licensing agreement. From January 2008 SAGE content will be available to universities and other publicly-financed research institutions in Germany. This agreement is embedded in an initiative to improve access to specialized electronic resources for German universities, research institutes and academic libraries, financially supported by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft and coordinated by major research libraries like the Bavarian State Library.

Over 170 German academic institutions, governmental institutions and major research centres, including the Max Planck Society, will be able to access *SAGE Premier* – a leading collection of over 480 journals in business, humanities, social sciences, science, technology and medicine. The agreement also includes access to the SAGE Shallow Backfile (1999-2006).

This is part of a pilot project to provide nationwide access to current content collections with financial support from the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft. SAGE is a long-established leader in the social sciences, and has more recently developed a flourishing collection of science, technology and medical journals, bringing a broad range of high quality peer-reviewed journals – and over 177,000 articles – to the German research community.

“This agreement with SAGE is an important and highly desired step in the evolution of our digital procurement strategy for the German research community,” stated Johannes Fournier, Programme Director Electronic Publications, DFG. “We are very pleased with the constructive manner in which the library and publishing communities worked together and helped us in achieving our goals.”

A further agreement has been made enabling an outright purchase of the SAGE Deep Backfile – 367 SAGE journal backfiles from volume 1 issue 1 to 1998, containing over 371,000 research articles. “We’re delighted that SAGE content is now available to this research community,” commented Clive Parry, Sales and Marketing Director, SAGE. He continued,

“SAGE strives to make content as widely visible and accessible as possible, so that researchers can find the content they need quickly and efficiently. By facilitating access to both our current and backfile content, the DFG have enabled us to offer a significantly-enhanced service to the German research community.”

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