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SAGE Publications partners with Koninklijke Bibliotheek (KB), National Library of the Netherlands, for permanent digital archiving

Thousand Oaks, California, and London, United Kingdom (April 28, 2005) – SAGE Publications has signed an agreement with the Koninklijke Bibliotheek (KB), the National Library of the Netherlands, to create a permanent archive of SAGE e-journals ensuring that the content will always be accessible.

KB will receive digital copies of all SAGE journals in social science and STM made available on SAGE's online delivery platform, SAGE Journals Online.

"We are delighted that SAGE has joined the growing number of electronic academic periodicals being permanently stored and preserved at the KB. This agreement represents a significant gain for Sage's users and the wider scholarly community," said Blaise R. Simqu, SAGE's President and CEO. Concurring is Wim van Drimmelen, Director General of the KB, who commented, "For everyone involved in research and the communication of research results, this agreement between the KB and SAGE represents a significant increase of scholarly journals within our international e-Depot archive and is again another step forward in securing permanence of the records of science."

The first national library in the world to enter into permanent archiving agreements with major publishers, KB is an autonomous administrative body financed by the Ministry of Education, Culture & Science. Because international cooperation in the permanent storage and preservation field is essential, the KB already has strategic working relationships with the British Library, the Library of Congress, and the National Library of Australia.

Simqu adds, "The archiving issue has been a major dilemma for publishers and for the institutions that subscribe to electronic journals. SAGE supports KB's mission of providing permanent digital storage. We also commend their research on innovative techniques for long term preservation since safeguarding information is so important to our future."

About SAGE:

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About the Koninklijke Bibliotheek (KB):

The KB is the National Library of the Netherlands and its mission statement is to provide universal access to the knowledge and culture of the past and present by providing high-quality services for research, study and cultural enrichment. Major tasks are preservation, management, documentation and accessibility of the national cultural heritage in written, printed and electronic form. As deposit library for Dutch publications the KB is responsible for the National Bibliography. As research library the KB aims at Dutch history, language and culture in a wide international context. In addition the KB also owns rare and special collections like medieval manuscripts and early printed books. The KB supports cooperation between libraries, musea and archives and furthermore participates as initiator or coordinator in national and international digitization and preservation activities.