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SAGE Publications Launches Advanced Journal Platform with Stanford's HighWire Press

Thousand Oaks, California and London, United Kingdom, June 4, 2004 – SAGE Publications announced today the development of its new online search platform. Powered by Stanford University's HighWire Press, the new platform will launch in September 2004. The platform will host all SAGE journals in both the social sciences and STM disciplines, providing institutions with premier search technology, toll-free linking features, a social science specific taxonomy, and enhanced subscription options for their journal collections.

The new platform will dramatically enhance the functionality of SAGE online journals. HighWire features are developed with constant feedback from librarians and readers and provide flexible and customizable searching, browsing by topic based on peer-reviewed subject taxonomies, PDA downloading options, and a high level of reader customization such as favorite journals, linking tools, search re-execution and e-mail alerts.

Not only will SAGE become the publisher with the largest number of journals hosted by HighWire, but it will also be adding the most substantial collection of social science titles, including a large number of major society journals.

"SAGE Publications is one of the leading independent scholarly publishers with an international reputation for serving the academic community," commented Richard Newman, Associate Director of HighWire Press. "We are honored that SAGE has chosen to work with HighWire to host their electronic journals."

"The journals on HighWire are highly respected and HighWire itself is state-of-the-art in online sophistication. They are helping shape the electronic future of scholarly communication," said Blaise Simqu, Executive Vice President of SAGE Publications. "We believe that our experience in the field, our dedication to disseminating research, and the comprehensiveness of our publication portfolio will meet the evolving demands of an increasingly digital publishing environment."

SAGE Publications is carefully managing the transition of its journal content from its current host, Ingenta, to HighWire Press. This will ensure that the content migration is seamless to subscribing institutions, users, and intermediaries.

SAGE Publications will be inviting academic, corporate, and governmental librarians to preview the new platform and to provide advice and feedback via the SAGE Library Committee.

About HighWire Press

HighWire Press, a division of the Stanford University Libraries, produces the online versions of 360 high-impact, peer-reviewed journals and other scholarly content. A recipient of the 2003 ALPSP Award for "Service to Not-for-Profit Publishing," HighWire Press delivers a collection of the finest, fully searchable research online in high-quality Web environments. HighWire Press hosts the largest repository of free, full-text, peer-reviewed articles in the world with more than 700,000 free, full-text articles online.

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