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SAGE SIGNS AGREEMENTS WITH CLOCKSS AND PORTICO TO PRESERVE E-JOURNAL CONTENT

Thousand Oaks, California, London, United Kingdom, and New Delhi, India (May 8, 2006) – As a publisher of over 400 scholarly journals, SAGE Publications is committed to ensuring the long-term stability of its valuable journal content so future generations of scholars, researchers and student will always have access to it. In order to accomplish this goal, SAGE is participating in CLOCKSS (Controlled LOCKSS – Lots of Copies Keep Stuff Safe) and has signed an agreement with Portico, a new, not-for-profit electronic-archiving service launched last year.

In the event of a disaster that would prevent the delivery of content, CLOCKSS will assure that access to the journals is maintained. A joint advisory board, made up of societies, publishers and libraries, will determine if the content is orphaned and whether it should be made publicly available. Since it's collectively managed, publishers are ensured that content is controlled and no one entity has authority over orphaned digital materials in the system. During the two-year pilot, participants will collect and analyze data for use in developing a proposal for a full-scale archiving model. As part of a longer-term strategy to permanently preserve published work, CLOCKSS will report the results to the research community and begin a dialogue about a global infrastructure to ensure preservation of all past, present, and future scholarly content.

Portico will provide an ongoing, permanent online archive of SAGE journals, ensuring that an accessible copy of each issue will exist for decades to come. The service also offers the migration of the content into future technological formats as they are developed. Portico's archiving service meets library demand for a trusted, third-party archive and perpetual access while providing SAGE with insurance against loss of the journal content.

"It's important that SAGE preserves our content using a variety of archiving solutions," commented Alison Mudditt, Executive Vice President of SAGE's Higher Education Group. "We're pleased to add both CLOCKSS and Portico's specialized service to our other archiving agreement with the KB (Koninklijke Bibliotheek, the National Library of the Netherlands) ensuring that access to our journals is not only protected indefinitely, but will still be accessible as future technologies are developed."

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About SAGE

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About CLOCKSS

CLOCKSS is a collaborative, community initiative to build a trusted large dark archive. The CLOCKSS governance and administration structure is distributed to insure no one-single organization controls oversight of the archive or has the power to compromise the long-term viability of the content's safety. CLOCKSS is a decentralized and safe solution to long-term archiving based on the LOCKSS technical infrastructure. Access to archive content will be granted in response to a trigger event (for example, when

content is orphaned or abandoned or a long-term business interruption), reviewed by a group of people all of whom will be working on behalf of the broader community. Our goal is to build an archive where content, when accessible, will be available to all.

<http://www.lockss.org/clockss>

About Portico

Portico is a new, not-for-profit electronic-archiving service established in response to the library community's need for a robust, reliable means to preserve electronic scholarly journals. Portico was initiated by JSTOR (www.jstor.org) and has been developed with the initial support of Ithaka (www.ithaka.org), The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation (www.mellon.org), and the Library of Congress (www.loc.gov). Portico's mission is to preserve scholarly literature published in electronic form and to ensure that these materials remain accessible to future scholars, researchers and students.

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