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REVISED SUBITO FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT RELEASED

subito e.V., Börsenverein des Deutschen Buchhandels and the International Association of Scientific, Technical and Medical Publishers (STM) today announced the release of a revised model 'Document Delivery License Agreement' under which publishers can license document deliveries of journal articles and extracts of books published by them to subito e.V. The framework agreement replaces two earlier model agreements prepared between 2006 and 2008.

Under the new model agreement, licensed inter-library deliveries through the *subito Library Service* will be extended to more countries worldwide. The *subito direct customer service* remains open to most countries worldwide. All customers will benefit from a broader scope of sources, as the new model agreement also covers copies from electronic journals and from books. Licensed DRM-protected electronic deliveries and preferential treatment for document deliveries to non-commercial institutional libraries remain as features of the revised arrangement.

The new model agreement has been prepared with the benefit of years of experience of licensed document delivery. It is presented in a streamlined, simple format with quick and easy sign up options.

The model agreement enables publishers to license international cross border delivery of copies from their published material by a well-known and well-respected document supply service.

Noting that more than 40 publishers and the Copyright Clearance Center have already licensed subito's services since 2006, Michael Mabe, STM's Chief Executive, said, "STM encourages its members as well as other publishers to consider licensing subito's document delivery and library services under the new framework agreement." Dr. Wilhelm Hilpert, President of subito e.V., adds "We are thankful for the long-standing confidence our licensors have placed in subito e.V. and we are pleased to announce to our customers that we will now be able to offer them even better service."

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Notes to Editors

- 1) subito e.V. (www.subito-doc.de) is a non-profit registered association under the laws of Germany and operates an internet portal for document delivery services in conjunction with scientific public libraries. Through its internet portal, subito e.V. and the supplier libraries offer electronic and printed copies from journals and books that are part of the collections of the supplier libraries.
- 2) *Börsenverein des Deutschen Buchhandels* (the German Publishers and Booksellers Association) represents the interests of Germany's book industry in the political and public spheres. Founded in 1825, it currently has roughly 5,000 members, including booksellers, publishers, wholesalers and other media companies. Börsenverein runs the annual Frankfurt Book Fair, awards the annual Peace Prize of the German Book Trade and the German Book Prize and works continuously to foster reading and to defend the right to freedom of expression.
- 3) **STM** is an international association of over 120 scientific, technical, medical and scholarly publishers, collectively responsible for more than 60% of the global annual output of research articles, 55% of the active research journals and the publication of tens of thousands of print and electronic books, reference works and databases. We are the only international trade association equally representing all types of STM publishers – large and small companies, not for profit organizations, learned societies, traditional, primary, secondary publishers and new entrants to global publishing.