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ebrary Announces New German Language E-books, User Interface, and Publishing Partners

May 23, 2011 – Palo Alto, CA, USA – ebrary®, a leading provider of e-books and research technology to libraries worldwide, today announced the availability of approximately 6,000 German-language titles for purchase in all subject areas, including content from Berliner Wissenschafts-Verlag, Diplomica, Duncker & Humblot, Felix Meiner, Georg Olms, VDG Weimer, and other newly signed publishers. The company's German-language titles can be seamlessly integrated with e-books in English, Spanish, and other languages acquired under any ebrary model including subscription, purchase, Patron Driven Acquisition, and Short-Term Loans, on its newly launched German-language interface.

“Students and researchers in many countries need books and other research materials in their own language,” said Leslie Lees, Vice President of Content Development at ebrary. “ebrary is committed to providing librarians with the local language titles necessary to support research and teaching in their universities and other organizations.”

“E-books have become tremendously popular among libraries, and we wanted to take advantage of these opportunities without incurring the expense, time, and risk involved in developing our own platform and sales team,” said Marcel Simon-Gadhof, editor at Felix Meiner Verlag. “Although we have worked with other vendors more focused on the consumer market, we are highly impressed with ebrary's proven experience with libraries worldwide, as well as the services it offers for publishers. Our collaboration so far has been very pleasant and smooth, and we are looking forward to subsequent sales and marketing efforts.”

“Although we launched our own e-book platform for libraries at the end of 2010, we are very excited to be able to expand our market coverage further by co-operating with ebrary, one of the leading e-book aggregators worldwide,” said Andreas Reckwerth, Director of Sales and E-Publishing at Duncker & Humblot Verlag. “ebrary offers a wide range of acquisition models and a powerful research technology.”

ebrary's growing selection of German-language e-books can be previewed at <http://site.ebrary.com/lib/german>. Contributing publishers include the following:

- Birkhäuser Basel
- Brill
- De Gruyter
- Duncker & Humblot
- Günter Narr Verlag
- John Benjamins
- John Wiley & Sons
- K. G. Saur
- Max Niemeyer Verlag
- OECD
- Rodopi
- Physica-Verlag
- Spektrum
- Springer
- Steinkopff
- VDG Weimar
- Wiley-VCH

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- Available any time through any web-enabled device including the iPad.
- Easy-to-use interface localized in German, English, and other languages.
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- Notes and highlights that are automatically stored on a personal bookshelf.
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- Personal bookshelves with moveable folders that can be shared with others.
- Multiple options for searching, navigating, and browsing.
- ADA 508c compliant content, text-to-speech, and other accessibility features.

- Free on-demand MARC records.
- Granular COUNTER-compliant usage reports.
- 24/7 web-based training with a real person.

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About ebrary (www.ebrary.com)

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Berliner Wissenschafts-Verlag (www.bwv-verlag.de)

The Berliner Wissenschafts-Verlag is a publishing house for quality research literature. With twelve magazines, electronic services and about 150 annual publications in the BWV involved in the technical communication between scientists, research institutions and practice in the following areas: Law, Legal Contemporary History, Environment and Energy, Foundations, Berlin Research, History, European Integration, Eastern Europe/Central Europe, Northern Europe, Politics, Public Administration & Public Economy, Economy, Science and Education, Culture and Philosophy, and Studies and Further Education.

Diplomica Verlag (www.diplomica-verlag.de)

The Diplomica Verlag, based in Hamburg, publishes professional books and research studies from all disciplines since 2001. The offering includes the subjects of science, technology and arts, as well as social, cultural and health sciences. You may also find very specific professional information based on the latest scientific knowledge. Titles are marked by high quality, a close relation to practicality and topicality. The program includes more than 1000 high valued titles and every month 30 new titles are added. These can be purchased directly on the homepage, or from big online distributors like Amazon.

Duncker & Humblot (www.duncker-humblot.de)

The publishing house Duncker & Humblot has a tradition of over 210 years of scholarly publishing, with around 300 scholarly monographs per year, including anthologies in over 150 series, as well as more than 15 scholarly journals and yearbooks. In total the program contains about 12,500 titles in the subject areas of law and political sciences, economics and social sciences, history, literature and philosophy.

Felix Meiner (www.meiner.de)

Felix Meiner (founded in 1911 in Leipzig; since 1951 based in Hamburg) is one of the leading scholarly publishing houses in Germany specializing in the subject area of philosophy. The work “Philosophy Library” (primary texts), published since 1868, are central to the publisher's work, and are continually expanded and updated to match the latest research standard. Currently there are 350 texts spanning 2400 years of the history of philosophy.

Georg Olms (www.olms.com)

The firm of Georg Olms initially made its name as a publisher of reprints. It developed one of the world's most comprehensive programmes for reprinting scholarly literature in the post-war period when making good the losses of the Second World War was a priority. In recent years the list has expanded to cover a broad spectrum of new works in the arts and humanities. The firm is also active in the field of new media. In this area it has frequently been in the forefront of developments with groundbreaking publications, especially its wide-ranging microform collections and more recently the ambitious Internet portal OLMS ONLINE.

VDG Weimar (www.vdg-weimar.de)

Art history and architecture are the main focus of the VDG Weimar, publishing house, but its titles also cover the subject areas of humanities in general, spanning from media studies and literature, to property management, to the ethics of medicine. Almost every title is published simultaneously in print and electronically – this has been the case since the foundation of the company in 1992. VDG Weimar is an independent publishing company, led by its owner and founder Dr. Bettina Preiß.