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Qatar National Library and Springer agreement

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Doha, 2 November, 2013 – Springer and the Qatar National Library (QNL) have signed a groundbreaking agreement for access to eBooks and electronic journals on Springer’s platform *SpringerLink*. The national license entitles Qatar to use one of the largest eBook collections worldwide containing scientific, technical and medical content.

Dr. Claudia Lux, Project Director of Qatar National Library, said, “Qatar National Library’s approach is truly different. We have managed to open a library digitally first, while other national libraries have been doing it the other way round. We consider that access of knowledge is very important for the business in the region and for the entire community and we are glad to expand our service offerings by partnering with Springer to offer everyone in Qatar full access to Springer’s electronic scientific content. An agreement with Springer, the leading global scientific, technical and medical publisher, will enable people to unlock their scientific potential and develop the skills that will support their participation in the global knowledge economy.”

“Springer is very happy to partner with the Qatar National Library and, through this agreement, will provide valuable information to the whole country. Our publishing portfolio provides cutting-edge research results, solid scientific foundations and professional knowledge in all fields of science and technology. The deal will help boost Qatar’s efforts in setting up its knowledge economy,” said Derk Haank, CEO of Springer. “We are cooperating closely with their academic institutions and are convinced that our content will help Qatar achieve its vision of progress and growth.”

The agreement offers country-wide access to Springer’s electronic scientific content. Anyone who lives in Qatar and has a valid Qatari ID or residence permit is eligible to register at the library free of charge. In this way, all registered members of the library will benefit from the national license without any limitations on user classifications.

QNL, a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, is currently offering free online access to a vast collection of online resources, including the latest bestsellers, classical works, concerts, top academic journals and documentaries.

To view the list of offered online resources kindly visit: <http://www.qnl.qa/find-answers/online-resources>

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Qatar National Library – Bridging with knowledge Qatar’s Heritage and Future

Qatar National Library (QNL) is a non-profit organization under the umbrella of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF). QNL is supporting Qatar on its journey from carbon-based economy to knowledge-based economy by providing resources to students, researchers, and the community in Qatar. It was announced in November 2012 by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development.

QNL carries out its mission through three functions, National Library, University and Research Library and a Metropolitan Public Library of the digital age. The National Library function collects and provides access to global knowledge relevant to Qatar and the region. It also collects, preserves and provides access to heritage content and materials about Qatar and the region. The University and Research Library function supports education and research at all levels by providing printed and digital library materials for students and researchers. Metropolitan Public Library delivers library services and information for everyone to enjoy reading, meet people and become information literate.

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