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News release – National Library participation in DOI Foundation extends to 41 countries through CENL

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At its recent annual meeting in Vilnius, the Conference of European National Librarians (CENL) agreed to transfer the International DOI Foundation membership of the existing informal consortium of three national libraries (British, German, and Netherlands) to CENL. This extends the scope of the participation in the International DOI Foundation to 43 library members from 41 European countries.

CENL Chairman Jean-Frédéric Jauslin of the Swiss National Library said: "By joining the IDF, CENL recognises the importance of DOI, as a persistent identifier that is widely used among publishers, considering the development of further national library services. Through this relationship, a selection of information about DOI-related activities and developments that is directly relevant for national libraries will continue to be made available via CENL to its member libraries (and the wider CDNL community)."

Norman Paskin, Director of the International DOI Foundation, said: "We are delighted by this latest progress in our relationship with the library community. Following a consultation procedure between IDF and six national libraries in 2002, the BL, DDB and KB joined the IDF*, with the aim of extending this to the whole of CENL. We're pleased that the activity with IDF to date has fulfilled our expectations of collaboration on a strategic level, and we look forward to further developments."

* see DOI News Release April 22, 2003: "National Libraries Join International DOI Foundation" - <http://www.doi.org/news/030417-Library.html>

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About the International DOI Foundation

The International DOI Foundation (<http://www.doi.org/>) is a not-for-profit organization created in 1998 to develop and promote the Digital Object Identifier® system for identifying content in the digital environment. Through the use of standards-based components the DOI allows persistent access and linkage to content and information.

About The Conference of European National Librarians

The Conference of European National Librarians (CENL: http://www.bl.uk/gabriel/about_cenl/general/about_frame_en.html) is a foundation with the aim of increasing and reinforcing the role of national libraries in Europe, in particular in respect of their responsibilities for maintaining the national cultural heritage and ensuring the accessibility of knowledge in that field. Members of CENL are the national librarians of all Member States of the Council of Europe. The conference currently consists of 43 members from 41 European countries CENL has a standing committee for projects (CoBRA Forum), many of which are supported by the European Commission. The conference pursues its objectives by means of annual membership meetings as well as initiatives and support of research and development activities.