Press Release

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**Chinese National Licence for the Karger Journal Archive Collection**

The China National Science and Technology Library (NSTL) has approved the purchase and hosting of the Karger Journal Archive Collection. It comprises journal issues from 1893 to 1997. The licence covers nationwide access for academic and noncommercial organizations in mainland China. It is the first national agreement in this part of the world for the journal archive content of the Swiss-based Karger Medical and Scientific Publishers, celebrating its 125th anniversary this year. On April 28, the launching ceremony takes place in the Assembly Hall of the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences in Beijing.

"This is truly a landmark arrangement for Karger Publishers", says Gabriella Karger, CEO of the Swiss-based Medical and Scientific Publishers, which is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year: "We are proud and greatly honored by the China National Science and Technology Library's selection of our journal archive content as a highly relevant online source of knowledge and information to the scientific community in China." Karger is continuing to expand its editorial collaborations with Chinese authors and editors.

**Official launch in Beijing on April 28**

Gabriella Karger and her father Thomas Karger, chairman of the S. Karger AG, have been invited and attended the official launching ceremony of the access activation in Beijing on April 28. Guests of honor from the NSTL as well as representatives of major academic institutions in China will also be present at the event in the Assembly Hall of the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences.

After an extensive process of negotiations, the NSTL has decided to purchase and host the Karger Journal Archive Collection last year, thus completing its mission of collecting fundamental medical and scientific electronic archives by selected foreign publishers. The licence covers nationwide access to the Karger journal archives for academic and noncommercial organizations in mainland China from 1997 and going back to 1893.

Responding to a demand from libraries, Karger Publishers retrodigitized the complete Karger print journal archives and thus completed the Karger Journal Archive Collection in 2009. Approximately 190,000 articles published in 64 renowned Karger journals reflect over 100 years of medical history, covering all fields of medicine and documenting the expansion into new medical subdisciplines. Featuring original work by leading medical experts of their time, the Karger Journal Archive Collection provides essential insights into the identification of health conditions and illnesses and the evolution of research and treatment methods.

"Serving the information needs of the scientific community"

With its current journal program (1998–2015) already well established at academic and medical education institutions, the availability of the Karger journal archives (1893–1997) bridges the information gap between medical history and scientific excellence today. "The agreement with NSTL is confirming Karger’s strong position within the STM publishing business as an independent family-run company, dedicated to serving the information needs of the scientific community", says Gabriella Karger.

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Press release and photos of the ceremony in Beijing on April 28 on the occasion of the access activation of the Karger Journal Archive Collection: www.karger.com/mediarelations.

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