



Higher and Further Education Institutions Demand Resources to Support Modern Teaching of Islam

Eduserv Secures Reduced Rates for Encyclopaedia of Islam Online and other Major Resources in Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies from Brill

Bath, 30th July 2007 –Eduserv, the not-for-profit IT services group, announces that its software and information licensing service, Chest, has negotiated a preferential pricing agreement with Brill for access to the Encyclopaedia of Islam Online and other major online resources in the field of Middle Eastern and Islamic studies, following requests made by higher and further education institutions.

The Encyclopaedia of Islam Online will help colleges and universities to enhance the modern teaching of Islam by highlighting the diversity of Islam and Islamic cultures. Drawing on a wide range of disciplines and methodologies, the Encyclopaedia covers every aspect of Islam, including the countries where Islam is or has been a prominent aspect of society. The online edition includes all entries from the second edition of the Encyclopaedia of Islam. It also includes entries from the all-new third edition – a publication project involving thousands of scholars from around the world.

In addition to the Encyclopaedia of Islam Online, the agreement between Eduserv and Brill gives access to other major online resources essential to the study of Islam, including the Encyclopaedia of Women & Islamic Cultures Online, the Encyclopaedia of the Qur'an Online and the world's leading bibliographical database in the field, the Index Islamicus Online.

Further and higher education institutions that subscribe to these online resources through Chest benefit from privileged pricing, available through Eduserv's shared service model. Eduserv works closely with colleges and universities, gaining an understanding of institutions' requirements, compiling wish lists for resources and negotiating deals with suppliers on their behalf. This enables colleges and universities to gain access to necessary resources, while taking away the burden of complex negotiation and licence management for individual institutions. 97 per cent of universities and colleges in UK benefit from at least one Chest agreement saving over £25m per annum.



For further information about how institutions can benefit from the Chest service, or to add resources to the Chest wish list, please contact chesthelp@eduserv.org.uk or phone 01225 403222.

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- Access and Identity Management (Athens and OpenAthens)
- E-resource framework agreements for education – (Chest)
- Managed web hosting
- Content management (CMS) and web development.

Trading surpluses are used to support the work of the Eduserv Foundation in the education sector.

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