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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### **OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS TO BE THE EXCLUSIVE WORLDWIDE DISTRIBUTOR OF ELECTRONIC ENLIGHTENMENT**

Oxford University Press (OUP) and the Electronic Enlightenment Project, a research project at the University of Oxford, are pleased to announce that OUP will be the worldwide distributor of *Electronic Enlightenment*, when this new online resource is launched in early 2007.

*Electronic Enlightenment (EE)* re-creates online the web of correspondence between thinkers and writers of the 18th century. Designed and developed by scholars *for* scholars, *EE* will offer innovative online access to the full critical editions of the letters of more than 3,800 writers including Addison, Bentham, Boswell, Defoe, Hobbes, Hume, Kant, Locke, Pope, Rousseau, Smith, Swift, Sterne and Voltaire.

At launch, the full text of over 60 critical editions of letters published by the world's leading university presses will be fully cross-searchable. Agreements have so far been reached with the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, Edinburgh, Duke, Wales, Johns Hopkins and Delaware, as well as Norstedts, Meiner, the Virginia Historical Society and the Voltaire Foundation. Texts from many more academic presses will be included in 2008 and beyond.

The use of 'scholarly technology' reveals important new connections between authors reflecting their ideas on history, literature, language, philosophy, science, medicine, and arts in the era that gave birth to the modern world. Additional indexes synchronize historical calendars, nicknames and pseudonyms, manuscript, archive and editions information.

Invaluable reciprocal links between *EE* and OUP's *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* will be available at launch. These will demonstrate how *EE* can integrate effectively with respected references in libraries' existing collections, expanding the use and extending the value of these tools as part of a larger network which includes primary source material.

Dr Robert V. McNamee (Director, Research and Development of the Electronic Enlightenment Project at the University of Oxford) comments: *"I am excited to be working in partnership with Oxford University Press. As the world's leading academic publisher, OUP has developed an enviable reputation for outstanding scholarly and digital publishing. Their experience in serving the scholarly community will complement EE's attention to textual and technological detail in the interests of the user. Together, we will be able to wed creative, innovative technology to the very best of scholarly resources."*

Susanna Lob (Head of Marketing, Reference and Online Publishing, Oxford University Press) comments: *"Electronic Enlightenment integrates the works of distinguished presses and recreates online the conversations of the original authors. The thoughtful design of EE enables the discovery of new insights by students and scholars through the use of primary sources not previously accessible."*

## NOTES FOR EDITORS

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