

Subject line: 2008 Portico Report from Eileen Fenton, Executive Director

Dear Colleague,

In this extraordinary economic climate, library budgets are under unprecedented pressure. Severe reductions are forcing numerous difficult choices, and in response many libraries are significantly accelerating their shift from reliance on print to electronic resources. As a result reliable digital preservation infrastructure able to ensure long-term access to electronic scholarly resources is more important than ever before. Portico exists specifically to provide this digital preservation safety net and is now being relied upon by nearly 500 libraries around the world. As we manage the Portico archive on your behalf, we want to communicate transparently about our ongoing work to ensure we are meeting your needs and expectations. We hope this report on milestones achieved in 2008 and activities upcoming in 2009 is a useful step in that direction.

In 2008 the quantity of material preserved within the Portico archive grew substantially with the addition of 4.3 million articles, an increase of nearly 87% in articles over 2007. At year's end the archive held 9.3 million articles (~ 93 million files), and already in 2009, the 10 millionth article has been ingested [link to announcement] into the archive. With more than 8,200 journals (~17 million articles) and 4,600 e-books from hundreds of scholarly societies and publishers now committed to the Portico archive - and Portico named as a post-cancellation access point for more than 80% of these titles - there is now substantial overlap between the archive and individual library holdings. (If you would like a custom report that compares your holdings to the Portico archive, please email us at participation@portico.org. There is no charge for this report.) As the archive grows the value of Portico increases, and libraries' per title preservation costs decline, in many cases to substantially less than \$1.00 per title (see the below illustration of per title preservation costs). Of course, more content is added to the archive daily, and our discussions with publishers not yet participating in Portico continue.

In response to requests from publishers and libraries another critical milestone passed in 2008 was the launch of Portico's e-book preservation service, and discussions also are underway with publishers of digitized historical collections, such as historical newspapers. In addition, our investigation into the possibility of libraries preserving their unique digital collections in the Portico archive is progressing and will be completed later this year. These expanded services and the existing large-scale archive enable Portico to even more fully address the urgent digital preservation needs created by increased adoption of diverse digital scholarly resources. Our ongoing preservation work also enables us to continue to respond to trigger events, and in this economic environment we expect and are preparing for more in 2009.

As we look ahead, several initiatives will be particularly important in 2009, as we strive for even greater transparency and expanded engagement with the community. We will work with the Center for Research Libraries (CRL) as they conduct a formal audit of the Portico archive as part of their work to independently analyze and report on the major repositories of interest to the CRL community. We also will work with select libraries to expand the means by which we

evaluate the completeness of the archive, and we will conduct a significant migration of archival metadata to bring it in compliance with the current PREMIS preservation metadata standards.

As we continue to address now critical preservation needs, I hope you will feel free to contact me with questions or suggestions. We especially welcome comments regarding content that you are eager to see added to the archive, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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**Portico Library Participants'
Preservation Cost per Title**

(Assumes 12,974 committed
e-books and journals as of 1/5/09)

Library Materials Expenditure Range	Annual Archive Support Payment	Cost Per Title
\$25M - 30M	\$24,000	\$1.85
\$20M - 25M	\$19,000	\$1.46
\$15M - 20M	\$17,500	\$1.35
\$13M - 15M	\$16,100	\$1.24
\$11M - 13M	\$15,200	\$1.17
\$9M - 11M	\$14,300	\$1.10
\$7M - 9M	\$13,000	\$1.00
\$5M - 7M	\$11,500	\$0.89
\$4M - 5M	\$10,000	\$0.77
\$3M - 4M	\$8,900	\$0.69
\$2M - 3M	\$7,800	\$0.60
\$1M - 2M	\$6,700	\$0.52
\$750k - 1M	\$5,400	\$0.42
\$500k - 750k	\$4,200	\$0.32
\$250k - 500k	\$3,100	\$0.24
\$150k - 250k	\$1,500	\$0.12
< \$150,000	\$780	\$0.06