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Forschungszentrum Jülich and SirsiDynix Partner to Deliver the First Symphony Implementation in Germany

BERLIN, GERMANY, April 3, 2009 – SirsiDynix, the global leader in Integrated Library Systems (ILS), today announced that Forschungszentrum Jülich, one of the largest research centers in Europe and a member of the Helmholtz Association, has successfully upgraded from Horizon version 5.3G to SirsiDynix Symphony version 3.2.1.

Forschungszentrum Jülich boasts one of the largest supercomputers in the world, Nobel Prize and Helmholtz Humboldt award winners on staff, and cutting-edge interdisciplinary research in health, information technologies, and energy and the environment. They have deployed core SirsiDynix Symphony features, including crucial Acquisitions and Unicode modules, to ensure they maintain a strategic role within a growing, multi-lingual research community.

“SirsiDynix utilized resources across multiple teams to ensure our needs were met,” said Bernhard Mittermaier, Head of Central Library of Jülich, “Being able to count on the skills and experience of a global team is critical when you are implementing a solution across 70 locations with 4,400 total employees. Symphony’s flexible deployment options were exactly what we needed to satisfy our requirements.”

“The Web-based components of SirsiDynix Symphony enable libraries to meet the demands of their patrons and allow for flexible deployments—key requirements in the modern library,” said Paul Trefonas, Head of Sales EMEA of SirsiDynix. “SirsiDynix is 100% committed to the success of our customers in the German market. By delivering cutting-edge technology today, we are future-proofing our customers’ implementations.”

“As the first Horizon 5.3G to Symphony migration, Jülich has been critical to our development of implementation processes and creation of a standards-based upgrade package to make sure we meet or exceed our customer’s expectations,” said Barbara Pacut, Vice President of International Operations of SirsiDynix. “Jülich has been an excellent partner in this undertaking, and we will apply our experiences gained with Jülich when working closely with the rest of our customer base across Germany to ensure they achieve the same degree of success.”

Forschungszentrum Jülich is the first Horizon 5.3G to SirsiDynix Symphony upgrade to go live in Germany and a pivotal milestone for SirsiDynix’s growth in Germany.

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About SirsiDynix

SirsiDynix helps libraries succeed. SirsiDynix is the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries – vital institutions whose primary mission is to make sense of the vast world of information for people and communities. In concert with key industry partners, SirsiDynix supports this strategic role for libraries by offering a comprehensive integrated suite of technology solutions for improving the internal productivity of libraries and enhancing their capabilities for meeting the needs of people and communities.

SirsiDynix has approximately 4,000 library and consortia clients, serving more than 300 million people through more than 20,000 library outlets in the Americas, Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Asia-Pacific. For more information, please visit www.sirsidynix.com.

About Forschungszentrum Jülich

Forschungszentrum Jülich pursues cutting-edge interdisciplinary research on solving the grand challenges facing society in the fields of health, energy and the environment, and also information technologies. In combination with its two key competencies—physics and supercomputing—work at Jülich focuses on long-term, fundamental and multidisciplinary contributions to science and technology as well as on specific technological applications. With a staff of about 4,400, Jülich—a member of the Helmholtz Association—is one of the largest research centres in Europe. For more information, please visit www.fz-juelich.de.

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