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Scholar Universe Provides Author Profiles for NCBI, Serials Solutions and RefAware

*As COS scholar profile database grows, publishers and other citation sources use it
to enrich their online collections*

Baltimore, MD (July, 2008) – COS, a leading provider of research support tools for academics and researchers, announces links to Scholar Universe profiles from author names in the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) database, using NCBI's open-source tools. In addition, Scholar Universe profiles are currently enriching citations for several other collections, including Serial Solutions' 360 Link service and RefAware, a new current awareness service provided by RefWorks.

A multidisciplinary database containing profiles of over 1.7 million authors, university faculty and other scholars, Scholar Universe™ is being aggressively expanded with faculty from top-ranked universities worldwide, currently concentrating on Europe, Asia and South America.

“Scholar Universe was initially conceived as a comprehensive, worldwide resource, and we're pleased to be expanding its coverage and increasing the number of profiles so quickly,” said Jeff Baer, General Manager of COS. “We are projecting to reach over 2 million profiles by the end of 2008. Each profile is built from several sources and is carefully verified and edited to ensure a high degree of accuracy. It's neither a quick nor easy process. Importantly, authors profiled in the service may claim their profile to provide further content.”

Many constituencies use Scholar Universe profiles, but among the fastest growing are publishers and other online citation aggregators who enrich their citations with concise author profiles derived from Scholar Universe with the help of its author profiling service, Author Resolver™.

“RefAware helps busy researchers stay up-to-the-minute with the latest publications in their fields,” said Tina Moir, Director of Business Development and Marketing at RefWorks, a sister company to COS. “Being able to offer a well-rounded view of an author's current professional status from Scholar Universe provides our end- users with an extra dimension to RefAware---an ability to expand upon their network of collaborators.”

About COS

COS has been offering vital online information to support researchers and scholars since 1989. One of its flagship products, Scholar Universe, is used by academic libraries, publishers, government entities and corporations all over the world who need to find and learn about potential collaborators, experts, peer-reviewers, consultants, and thought-leaders. Other COS services, including COS Funding Opportunities, COS Expertise and Papers Invited, are used by academic research offices and libraries to support their researchers, faculty and students on the path to research success.

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