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New Partnership for Open Access Publication with the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE)

Berlin, 9 October 2012 – De Gruyter has launched an innovative new partnership for open-access distribution with the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE). A new study, “Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations in Europe: First Results from SHARE after the Economic Crisis,” will appear in mid-2013 as an open-access publication, meaning it will be available free of charge to researchers and decision-makers around the world.

“It is essential for our work that findings of importance for demographic policy be made freely accessible around the globe,” says Professor Axel Börsch-Supan, Coordinator of the SHARE project. “With De Gruyter, we have found a first-class and innovation-friendly partner to help us meet this need.”

Headquartered at the Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy, SHARE is a multi-disciplinary research program conducted in 20 European nations. The program collects information about 80,000 persons aged 50 years and older, and reports on differences between older Europeans with respect to their health, socio-economic status, and family networks. Researchers are observing the aging process in individuals and societies in order to answer basic research questions and help guide important policy decisions.

De Gruyter is providing its open access partner with an attractive offer to enable the widest possible dissemination of content. In addition to providing global free access to the report at De Gruyter Online (www.degruyter.com), De Gruyter will also be publishing a print version. “Many publishers are capable of online publishing. Our open access model provides partners such as SHARE with the maximum level of quality in an innovative medium,” explains Dr Anke Beck, Vice President of Publishing at De Gruyter. “And based upon this partnership, we will continue to actively develop our open access model.”

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