

PRESS RELEASE

Wolters Kluwer Redefines Publishing in the Classroom of the Future

Amsterdam (September 23, 2004) - Leading UK educational publisher Nelson Thornes, part of Wolters Kluwer Education, has today unveiled an exciting and ambitious new publishing program of teaching and learning resources aimed at transforming learning.

Nelson Thornes Managing Director Fred Grainger announced a wide range of resources aimed at redefining the role Nelson Thornes will play in the classroom of the future. Nelson Thornes has an enviable reputation for the highest quality content and curriculum-relevant books. These will continue to play a central role but they will be supported by a blend of cutting edge electronic resources that teachers can easily incorporate into lessons.

Mr. Grainger said, "We have listened carefully to our customers and are responding to their needs by providing a wide variety of truly blended and creative resources. Blended to us means fully integrating print based materials with electronic resources to provide a launch pad for wider learning opportunities that motivate students and enrich lessons. It is essential to us that our customers feel totally supported and confident when they use ICT in their classrooms. Our electronic resources will dovetail seamlessly with our textbook publishing to facilitate a wide variety of teaching and learning styles. Nelson Thornes is about making good teachers great by helping to make a subject real, relevant, vibrant and fun."

The cutting edge science lesson resources, **Scientifica**, **Scientifica Powerpack**, **WebSelect**, and the **Scientifica: Test and Assessment** engine, blend together seamlessly so teachers can select how to introduce and apply them to create an integrated and motivational learning experience in their classrooms.

Over the coming months Nelson Thornes plans to provide a similar range of resources across wide areas of the curriculum including Mathematics, Modern Foreign Languages and Geography.

Today's announcement follows on the recent news that Nelson Thornes is also enhancing support for teachers outside of the classroom by expanding the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and training services they provide. The recent acquisition of BEAM Education, one of the UK's leading mathematical resource publishers and training providers, and the development of online CPD courses with videoconferencing sessions provided by Moorhouse Black, will reinforce Nelson Thornes aim to fully support teachers throughout their careers.

About Wolters Kluwer Education

Wolters Kluwer Education is Europe's largest Education publisher, setting the standard in teaching and learning across the European educational world. Its brands are well established and are seen as a hallmark of quality and reliability. Many Europeans have been (and continue to be) educated using products from such Wolters Kluwer Education companies as Wolters-Noordhoff (the Netherlands), Liber (Sweden), Nelson Thornes (United Kingdom), Bildungsverlag EINS (Germany) and

Wolters Plantyn (Belgium). Wolters Kluwer Education has annual revenues (2003) of EUR 302 million. Wolters Kluwer Education is a Division of Wolters Kluwer.

Wolters Kluwer is a leading multinational publisher and information services company. The company's core markets are spread across the health, tax, accounting, corporate, financial services, legal and regulatory, and education sectors. Wolters Kluwer has annual revenues (2003) of €3.4 billion, employs approximately 18,750 people worldwide and maintains operations across Europe, North America and Asia Pacific. Wolters Kluwer is headquartered in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Its depositary receipts of shares are quoted on the Euronext Amsterdam (WKL) and are included in the AEX and Euronext 100 indices.

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