

Press Release

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dawsonera 'Highly Commended' in ALPSP Award for Best eBook Platform

Dawson Books and Semantico are pleased to announce that dawsonera has been 'highly commended' in the 2010 ALPSP award for best ebook platform. The award was presented as part of the annual ALPSP conference.

"Dawson Books is delighted with this award. Continued innovation has ensured that our eBook platform is at the forefront of technology, providing libraries with integrated print and ebook solutions worldwide." said Jude Norris, Sales & Marketing Director at Dawson Books. "Our partnership with Semantico has enabled us to deliver pioneering technology and these exciting new features and enhancements meet the evolving needs of our library customers."

"The recent updates to dawsonera have been so comprehensive that we knew this outstanding platform deserved recognition," said Richard Padley, Managing Director, Semantico. "Dawson Books has developed a sophisticated approach to the provision of ebooks that uses the very latest technological advances to deliver functionality that librarians and researchers really appreciate."

The award recognises that Dawson Books has, with Semantico as their technology partner, created a platform that successfully addresses the complex needs of publishers, librarians and students. A significant range of new features include federated access for shibboleth users worldwide, e-commerce functionality and digital rights management.

Dawson Books are early adopters of e-commerce, and as library budgets tighten the introduction of Credit Card Rentals further compliments Dawson's existing library models, including Perpetual Access, Library Rentals, and Patron Driven Acquisition, providing real-time access to over 140,000 eBooks.

The platform allows students and researchers to read ebooks online or download the entire ebook for up to a week at a time, with sophisticated Digital Rights Management in place. This flexible approach and unlimited access model enables end users to carry away and use the information in a way that facilitates collaboration and research.

Dawson has listened to the needs of libraries with whom it works in partnership to provide integrated acquisition tools and services for both print and ebooks. With 'Phase III' penned for November, Dawson and Semantico look forward to continued success in the development of the dawsonera eBook platform.

About Dawson Books

Dawson Books is a long established company specialising in the supply of books and complementary services to libraries around the world.

Dawson's breadth of service includes shelf-ready books to libraries, the latest data enhancements to catalogue records and, most recently, the introduction of dawsonenter, a platform which fully integrates services for print and ebooks.

Dawson Books is part of Dawson Holdings plc. Employing 155 staff, last year reporting revenues of £46 million and headquartered in large modern purpose-built premises in central England. Dawson is a progressive company that develops and delivers integrated library solutions to customers worldwide, with offices in South Africa and sister companies, Dawson France and Dawson España.

For more information on Dawson Books please access our website www.dawsonbooks.co.uk

About Semantico

Semantico was formed in 1999 to develop online publishing solutions for the publishing industry. Its mission is to be the partner of choice in helping clients realise the full potential of internet technologies for delivering digital information services. Semantico works to make clients' information ever more discoverable, more useful and more valuable.

Semantico's content delivery tool-sets, subscription management products, and hosting and support services enable rapid and robust customised solutions for a wide range of clients.

Semantico's management team has a considerable breadth of experience in publishing, e-commerce B2B and B2C online sectors. Its strong engineering background allied, with a focus on user-centered design processes ensure that it maintains high standards in its existing and new products, whilst providing the innovation necessary to compete effectively in emerging online markets.

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