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### **National Library of Medicine Joins the Digital Library Federation**

Washington, D.C.—The Digital Library Federation (DLF) announced today that the United States National Library of Medicine (NLM) has joined DLF as a strategic member. NLM is the world's largest library of the health sciences, and a component of the U.S. National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

“We are pleased to have been approved as a Strategic Partner of DLF,” said Sheldon Kotzin, associate director of library operations. “The programs of DLF, to build sustainable digital collections and services through work on policies, standards, best practices, prototypes and technology, complement and support the NLM’s digital collections and preservation efforts in the area of the biomedical information. NLM looks forward to contributing to DLF through participation and collaboration with other members, to gain from their extensive experience and to share with them our expertise.”

DLF Executive Director Peter Brantley commented, “We are excited to have the National Library of Medicine join the Digital Library Federation. NLM has consistently made strong and innovative solutions and services available to the public. We look forward to their joining the combined efforts of DLF members to make research and educational information available to the largest community, when it is most needed, and in the forms that are most useful.”

The Digital Library Federation, founded in 1995, is a partnership organization of 40 academic libraries and related organizations that are pioneering the use of electronic-information technologies to extend their collections and services. DLF provides leadership for libraries by identifying standards and best practices for digital collections and network access, coordinating research and development in the libraries’ use of technology, and fostering projects and services that libraries need but cannot develop individually.

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