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27 more publishers to begin distribution with IPG and its subsidiaries in 2016

May 2, 2016—Independent Publishers Group (IPG, www.ipgbook.com), the second-largest independent book distributor in the United States, is pleased to announce it has partnered with 25 more independent publishers for distribution. 14 new publishers will be distributed by IPG, eight new UK publishers will gain US distribution through Trafalgar Square Publishing, three academic presses will join River North Editions distribution and two more Spanish language publishers will join IPG Spanish Books.

Ragnarok Publications (www.ragnarokpub.com), based in Crestview Hills, Kentucky was founded in 2013 by Joseph Martin and Tim Marquitz. Ragnarok specializes in genre fiction, speculative fiction and anthology publications, and has published about 50 titles to date. Distribution with IPG began on January 1, 2016.

Odyssey Books & Maps (www.odysseypublications.com), based in Hong Kong, began distribution with IPG on March 1, 2016. They are only English language travel publisher based in China. They publish travel guidebooks designed for those seeking the mystery of little-known destinations.

Micro Publishing Media (<http://mpmstore.com>), based in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, describes itself as a micro publisher and retailer of fun and unusual items. IPG began distributing its books on March 15, 2016.

Thorntree Press (<http://thorntreepress.com>), is an independent publisher based in Portland, Oregon. They specialize in non-fiction titles on relationships, love and sexuality, with particular focus on non-traditional relationship models such as polyamory. Distribution with IPG began on April 1, 2016.

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NOAH Publications (www.woodenboatscalendar.com), based in Brooklin Maine, publishes The Calendar of Wooden Boats and other publications featuring the spectacular wooden boat photographs of Benjamin Mendlowitz. Distribution with IPG began on April 1, 2016.

RHINO Poetry (<http://rhinopoetry.org>), based in Evanston, Illinois, began as an outlet for the work of members of The Poetry Forum, Inc. Today, it is a regionally and nationally recognized annual collection of literature by new and established writers. Distribution with IPG began on April 1, 2016.

Top That Publishing (www.topthatpublishing.com) is a UK-based children's publisher of books that cater primarily to children up to 12, with an emphasis on children's novelty, activity and sticker book titles that are designed to promote child development, enrich relationships, and foster creativity and imagination. Their agreement with IPG began April 15, 2016, and includes all distributed Top That titles to the US and Canadian market. Top That publishes fully Americanized titles, geared toward North American readers and their list includes successful magnetics, Magnetic Story & Play Scene, How to Draw 101, Five Little Counting, Hand Puppet and Press Out and Build series titles. There are more than 100 million Top That books in print and their titles are available in more than 70 countries around the world.

AlternA (www.alternacomics.com), based in Boston, Massachusetts, is a creator-owned comic book and graphic novels publisher that was founded in 2006. They begin distribution with IPG on July 1, 2016.

Self-Counsel Press (www.self-counsel.com), based in Vancouver, British Columbia, has been the premier source for self-help law books in North America since publishing their first *Divorce Guide* in 1971. Today their self-help books cover law, small business management and tax and financial issues. They begin distribution with IPG on July 1, 2016.

Future House Publishing (www.futurehousepublishing.com) is based in Provo, Utah, and publishes science fiction, fantasy, speculative fiction, young adult and middle grade books. They will begin distribution with IPG on July 1, 2016.

Sassi Junior (www.sassijunior.com), based in Italy, specializes in children's books about the environment. Their unique, high-quality children's activity products and books are published on their signature light brown recycled paper with environmentally friendly inks. Distribution with IPG begins on July 1, 2016.

Kuperard (www.kuperard.co.uk) is a UK- based publisher specializing in information about countries, their cultures and customs. IPG will distribute two of their most popular series—the CultureSmart and Simple Guide titles. Kuperard’s start date with IPG is July 1, 2016.

Next Step Test Prep (<http://nextstestprep.com>), based in Evanston, IL, is a provider of one-on-one test prep tutoring and tutoring programs for major graduate and professional school entrance exams. Distribution by IPG of their redesigned and updated MCAT workbooks begins on July 1, 2016

Amazing People Worldwide (<http://amazingpeopleworldwide.com>), based in the UK, has amassed the world’s largest collection of stories about amazing individuals throughout history, and makes them available across a range of multimedia formats to schools, libraries, lifelong learners and businesses. IPG will begin distribution of their print and e-book titles on July 1, 2016.

Trafalgar Square Publishing (TSP), the leading US distributor of UK and Australian publishers and a subsidiary of IPG, has signed up eight new publishers for distribution in 2016.

Saraband (www.saraband.net) is an independent publisher established in 1994 with a list encompassing engaging, beautifully written non-fiction and literary and historical fiction. Its Contraband imprint features an eclectic range of crime, mystery, and thriller writing, ranging from detective stories to psychological thrillers. The Glasgow-based publisher was the inaugural winner of the Scottish Publisher of the Year Award in 2013–14. TSP begins distributing Saraband titles on July 1, 2016.

Sladmore Gallery (www.sladmore.com), founded in 1965, is a leading art gallery based in London specializing in fine bronze sculpture by artists such as Auguste Rodin, Aristide Maillol, Edgar Degas, Rembrandt Bugatti and Antoine-Louis Barye. An active publishing program of exhibition catalogues and monographs is an important part of the gallery's activities. TSP begins distributing Sladmore titles on July 1, 2016.

Pangolin London (www.pangolinlondon.com) is one of the most important art foundries in Europe, showcasing some of the most interesting contemporary and post-war sculpture in London. Pangolin will now distribute its publications through TSP beginning on July 1, 2016.

Based in London, Bowman Sculpture (www.bowmansculpture.com) is another highly regarded art gallery with an emphasis on UK and US artists, and is known as being the foremost gallery in the world for sculpture by Auguste Rodin. TSP will start distributing publications published by Bowman Sculpture on July 1, 2016.

The Next Big Think (<http://the-next-big-think.com>) is an Australia-based publisher of beautiful series-driven gift books that they call “greeting books.” The series include The Little Books, Life’s Little Gems, Sleeping Cuties, Moments, and Life. Distribution with TSP begins on July 1, 2016.

Australia-based Shogam Publications (www.shogam.com) is committed to producing high quality books on Buddhism and related fields that are accessible to a general readership. Their authors are highly trained in the academic world, are people with intensive meditational training, or both. Shogam begins distribution with TSP on July 1, 2016.

Istros Books (<http://istrosbooks.com>) believes that high-quality literature can transcend national interests and speak to us with the common voice of human experience. Discovering contemporary voices and rediscovering forgotten ones, Istros Books works hard to bring readers the best that European literature can offer. TSP will begin distributing Istros Books on July 1, 2016.

Black & White Publishing (blackandwhitepublishing.com) was founded in 1999 and has grown into one of Scotland's leading independent publishers with more than 300 books in print across a variety of genres, including general non-fiction, biography, sports and humor, as well as select fiction, YA and children’s books. Distribution with TSP begins July 1, 2016.

River North Editions, IPG’s distribution service for academic and professional publishers, adds three more new publishers to its distribution in 2016. Wake Forest University Press (www.wfupress.wfu.edu) located in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, has a strong reputation as a major publisher of literature and poetry in North America. The Press features the works of writers from the Republic of Ireland and the United Kingdom, including Brendan Kennelly, Ciarán Carson, Austin Clarke, Harry Clifton, Denis Devlin, Thomas Kinsella, and many other highly regarded writers.

Barbican Press (www.barbicanpress.com) is an independent literary press based in London. Barbican prides itself on finding and publishing authors with distinctive, uncompromising fiction voices. River North Editions will begin distributing Barbican Press titles June 1, 2016.

University Press of Quebec (www.puq.ca) is based in Quebec City, Canada. The Press has been publishing the works of researchers and professors in the academic and professional community of the University since its founding in 1969. As one of the leading francophone academic publishers in Canada, their current catalog of French language books contains over 1,300 titles on the management sciences, political sciences, applied sciences, educational sciences, social sciences, and communications.

River North Editions will distribute their newly created line of English-language translations beginning June 1, 2016.

IPG Spanish Books is pleased to add two more Spanish language publishers to its growing list. Malpaso (malpasoed.com) is a publisher based in Barcelona with approximately 75 backlist titles. They publish both original and translated literature, including translations of Kurt Vonnegut and E.L. Doctorow. Their non-fiction list includes biographies of Steve Jobs, Naom Chomsky and Neil Gaiman. Their music titles include books about popular figures such as Frank Zappa, Neil Young, and Pete Townshend, and their children's line includes a title by Keith Richards. Their start date with IPG is July 1, 2016.

Grupo RCA (www.rcagrupoeditor.es) is a publisher based in Madrid that is made up of 4 imprints: Editorial Mil y Un Cuentos, Editorial Zumaque, Alcalá Grupo Editorial, and Editorial Formación Alcalá. They begin distribution with IPG on July 1, 2016.

Established in 1971, IPG was the first organization specifically created for the purpose of marketing titles from independent presses to the book trade. With consistent growth year-over-year, IPG's success has come from supporting and encouraging the growth of its client publishers in the United States and worldwide. IPG has a wide reach in the market through its distribution of publishers with academic, Spanish-language, computer and general trade nonfiction and fiction titles. IPG was acquired by Chicago Review Press in 1987. Clients include publishers from the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Ireland, Israel, Spain and other countries. In the fall of 2006, the senior management of Chicago Review Press, Inc., the parent company of IPG, bought Trafalgar Square Publishing, Inc., the leading US distributor of UK publishers. Trafalgar Square Publishing was founded in 1973 and distributes for clients such as Canongate UK, Hodder & Stoughton, Headline, Orion Publishing, Random House UK and Simon and Schuster UK.

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