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## *Press release*

### **10,000 public library computers with Internet access to be protected by Bitdefender**

As specified in the agreement signed with Bitdefender at the end of 2011, the software company donated Free Antivirus Edition licenses to public libraries included in Biblionet Program, thus 10,000 computers with free Internet access for public use will be protected from online threats. The donation allows for the use and update of the software over an unlimited period of time and demonstrates Bitdefender's wish to support the Romanian public libraries system.

During the Biblionet Program Bitdefender specialists will organize trainings and seminars to raise public awareness of the need for secure data. During the trainings the people interested will be able to find out more about IT threats and how they can protect themselves against them.

"We are elated to have signed this partnership with Biblionet and believe it is a direct result of mutual support with the goal of reaching performance and excellence in education. Most subscribers do not benefit from counseling in data security. That is why our collaboration strategy comprises more development directions, like organizing competitions, contests involving library patrons, trainings and seminars concerning data security for the ones who will be interested", Răzvan Vâlceanu, General Manager for Bitdefender Romania declared.

"Bitdefender Free Edition offers a good level of protection, is intuitive, and does not disturb computer usage. We appreciate the fact that the technical team imagined a dedicated application that made possible the installation of a great number of licenses during the assembly phase, thus contributing to the optimization of the whole process. Librarians are satisfied with the product and we are proud to have been able to facilitate this long term collaboration", specified Paul-Andre Baran, Biblionet Program Director.

#### **About Biblionet**

Biblionet National Program – *the world in my library* - is a partnership between IREX, the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage, EOS Foundation (Educating for an Open Society), the National Association of Public Libraries and Librarians in Romania (ANBPR), and Romanian public libraries. Microsoft Corporation, partner of Global Libraries at a global scale, is donating software worth approximately \$ 15 million to libraries in Romania. The program has a total value of 26.9 million dollars, is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation over a five year period and aims to build a sustainable system of modern public libraries in Romania. ***Biblionet program's objective is to facilitate population access to the means of information technology, helping libraries to better serve their community.*** Through the program, over 2,000 public libraries in Romania will receive computers for public access to the Internet through a competitive selection process and more than 3,500 librarians will participate in training courses to help them use the full potential of new technological resources for community benefit.

#### **About Bitdefender®**

[Bitdefender](#) is the producer of one of the most performing [data security solution](#) attested internationally by specialized independent institutions. Even from 2001 Bitdefender has been the leader in the security industry,

developing innovative technologies, multiple awarded internationally. Each day, Bitdefender protects data for over 10 million individual users and companies. Bitdefender solutions are being distributed across the globe, through a strong distributor network.

Recently, the company has received a series of recommendation letters from a series of prestigious publications in USA and Europe, among which *ConsumerSearch*, *Which?*, *Stiftung Warentest* and *Taenk*. At the same time, Bitdefender [antivirus technologies](#) have obtained superior results in specialized tests conducted by profile independent institutions, like AV Test and AV-Comparatives. More information about the product line of Bitdefender is available on the company's website. Also, Bitdefender provides the users with the online platform called [Malware City](#), a complete information and training tool for IT security.

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