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Important Scientific Books: The Richard Green Library

New York – Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Sale no: 2013 – Top Ten

[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

Sold:	\$11,019,688	£5,622,289	€7,109,476
Lots Sold: 289	Lots Offered: 346	Sold by Lot: 84%	Sold by \$: 97%
Exchange Rate: £ = \$1.96 / € = \$1.55			

Lot	Description	Estimate (\$)	Purchase Price	Buyer
60	Copernicus, Nicolaus, <i>De revolutionibus orbium coelestium, libri V</i> , 1543. A WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR COPERNICUS	\$900,000-1,200,000	\$2,210,500 £1,127,806 €1,426,129	U.K. Trade
248	Medina, Pedro de, <i>Arte de navegar</i> , 1545. A WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR MEDINA	\$200,000-300,000	\$578,500 £295,153 €373,225	U.S. Trade
130	Galilei, Galileo, <i>Le operazioni del compasso geometrico, et militare</i> , 1606. A WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR GALILEI	\$200,000-300,000	\$506,500 £258,418 €346,774	U.S. Private
207	Kepler, Johannes, <i>Harmonices mundi libri</i> , 1619.	\$30,000-40,000	\$362,500 £184,948 €233,870	U.K. Trade
100	Einstein, Albert, Collection of 130 offprints of his own scientific papers, 1900-1925.	\$150,000-250,000	\$314,500 £160,459 €202,903	European Trade
132	Galilei, Galileo, <i>Sidereus nuncius magna, longeque admirabilia spectacula pandens</i> , 1610.	\$150,000-250,000	\$290,500 £148,214 €187,419	U.S. Trade
50	Cellarius, Andreas, <i>Harmonia macrocosmica seu atlas universalis et novus, totius universi create cosmographiam generalem, et novam exhibens</i> , 1600.	\$80,000-120,000	\$266,500 £135,969 €171,935	U.S. Trade
72	Darwin, Charles, <i>For Private Distribution ... Extracts from Letters addressed to Professor Henslow by C. Darwin, Esq.</i> , December 1, 1835.	\$60,000-80,000	\$230,500 £117,602 €148,709	U.S. Trade
131	Galilei, Galileo, <i>Difesa di Galileo Galilei ... contro alle calunnie & imposture di Baldessar Capra</i> , 1607.	\$150,000-250,000	\$230,500 £117,602 €148,709	U.S. Private
204	Kepler, Johannes, <i>Astronomia nova AITIOΛOΓHTOΣ, seu physica coelestis, tradita commentaries de motibus stellae martis, ex observationibus G.V. Tychoonis Brahe</i> , 1609.	\$150,000-200,000	\$230,500 £117,602 €148,709	U.S. Trade

Tom Lecky, Head of Books and Manuscripts of New York comments: "The superb results of *Important Scientific Books: The Richard Green Library*, with many books not seen on the market for decades, confirmed the strength of the scientific field, and more than doubled presale expectations. The highlight of the sale was the exceedingly fine copy of Nicolaus Copernicus's *De revolutionibus*, 1543, which made a world auction record of \$2.2 million against an estimate of \$900,000-1,200,000. The sale established records for numerous authors, including Galileo and Pedro de Medina, and achieved a remarkable result for a major work from the modern era: Alan Turing's "On Computable Numbers," 1936, realizing an astounding \$182,500 against an estimate of \$20,000-30,000. Garnering immense international press coverage was the 1878 New Haven *Telephone Directory* which sold for \$170,500 against an estimate of \$30,000-40,000."

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Date and Location of Next Sale: New York, October 3, 2008