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### **Elsewhen Press signs new author for debut literary science fiction**

**First novel by New York attorney Sanem Ozdural to be published by UK independent publisher**

**DARTFORD, KENT – 9 MARCH 2012** – Elsewhen Press, a small independent publisher specialising in Speculative Fiction, based in South East England, today announced that **Ms. Sanem Ozdural**, a New York attorney, has signed a publishing deal for an undisclosed sum for her first novel. Literary science fiction, it tells of a game in which the players are, literally, gambling with their lives.

Ms Ozdural's debut novel is set in a near-future where a secretive organisation has developed technology to transfer the regenerative power of a body's cells from one person to another, conferring extended or even indefinite life expectancy. As a means of controlling who benefits from the technology, access is obtained by winning a tournament of chess or bridge to which only a select few are invited. At its core, the game is a test of a person's integrity, ability and resilience. The fantastic nature of the game's technology is made all the more credible by the familiarity of the contemporary setting, giving the story a definite slipstream feel.

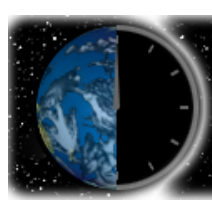
Al Murray, Managing Publisher of Elsewhen Press said "We are delighted to be publishing Sanem's first novel. Our aim is to produce beautifully written, quality stories, that excite and entertain. With our choice of authors and their work, we hope to provide our readers with thought-provoking stories that will stay with them long after they have finished reading. Sanem's novel is a perfect example, providing a fascinating insight into the motivation both of those characters who win and thus have the possibility of virtual immortality and of those who will effectively lose some of their life expectancy."

Elsewhen Press adopts a digital-first policy, initially publishing new titles in ebook format and subsequently in print editions, the reverse of most long-established publishing houses. "This approach allows us to be more innovative and exciting," explained Murray, "and publish titles that would otherwise be beyond the resources of a small independent publisher".

Sanem Ozdural's debut novel will be published in a digital edition this summer and in a print edition in the autumn.

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## Notes for Editors

### About Elsewhen Press

Elsewhen Press is a recently established independent publisher of Speculative Fiction. Based in the UK, in the South East of England, Elsewhen Press publishes titles in English in digital and print editions, adopting a digital-first policy for most titles and a digital-only policy for some. Elsewhen Press is an imprint of Alnpete Limited, joining general fiction publisher Alnpete Press.

### About Sanem Ozdural

Sanem Ozdural was born in Ankara, Turkey in the 70s, and spent her childhood from age seven onwards in England. Happy days at a quintessentially British boarding school in Surrey helped forge her character and tastes, not to mention lasting friendships. Making her way to the U.S. she studied economics at Princeton University. After graduating from Boston University School of Law, she moved to New Orleans where she practiced as a prosecutor and civil litigator, and spent seven wonderful years living in the French Quarter.

In 2004 she migrated from New Orleans via Washington, D.C., reaching New York City in 2006, where she still lives and practices law. Sanem was an avid bridge player until the tenth round of revisions to her debut novel. She is now thoroughly enjoying an indefinite bridge sabbatical, and imagining all sorts of stories that feature absolutely no bridge or chess.

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