



News

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Association of Subscription Agents name change

The Association of Subscription Agents has recently changed its name to ASA – Association of Subscription Agents and Intermediaries. The change was made because many of ASA's member companies do not buy subscriptions on behalf of customers, but rather act as intermediaries in the supply of information services.

Further information: Rollo Turner, ASA Secretary General, e-mail: rollo.turner@onet.co.uk;
URL: <http://www.subscriptions-agents.or>

New Aslib Special Interest Group(SIG)

In response to a survey earlier this year Aslib has formed a new Irish Information SIG. The inaugural meeting of the group is currently being planned. At this early stage in its development, the principal objectives centre around training courses tailored specifically for the needs of Irish information management professionals, and the evaluation of the Irish information scene for comparison with the Information Society elsewhere in Europe.

Further information: Peter Matthews, Aslib European Union Co-ordinator; e-mail: peter@aslib.co.uk;
URL: <http://www.aslib.co.uk>

Museums, Archives and Libraries Council(MLAC) name change

In April, the Museums, Archives and Libraries Council changed its name to re:source: the

Council for Museums, Archives and Libraries.

Over the summer months the council will consider the responses made to the MLAC consultation exercise, develop its manifesto, and start work on a series of projects and reviews based around its new agenda.

Further information: Neville Mackay, Chief Executive, Resource; URL: <http://www.resource.gov.uk>

New regional library body

The East of England Library and Information Services Development Agency (ELISA) came into being on 1 April 2000. Its main objective is to be the single voice for library and information services strategy in the region, and to that end its elected Management Board has strongly cross-sectoral representation. Suffolk County Council Libraries and Heritage will host ELISA.

Further information: Alison Wheeler,
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LA/IIS Implementation Working Group

The Library Association and the Institute of Information Scientists have established an Implementation Group to carry forward the project for creating a new, unified organisation. Details of the IWG's work are publicised in the Implementation Newsletter, available on both organisations' websites; a discussion list has also been set up.

To join the list, go to <http://www.mailbase.ac.uk/lists/lis-unify/> or <http://www.mailbase.ac.uk/lists/lis-unify/join.html>

Innovative introduces Linux platform

Innovative Interfaces recently installed Linux on its integrated library management system, Millennium. The decision to do so was taken so that a choice of operating systems could be offered, and so that genuine platform independence could be achieved.

Endeavour IS and Elsevier Science merger

As a result of the Elsevier Science – Endeavour merger it is hoped that the Endeavour integrated library management system will serve as a platform for combining library collection information with the content of Elsevier's Science's publications and databases.

Further information: John Tagler, Elsevier Science, e-mail: j.tagler@elsevier.com, or Jean Velvikis, Endeavour Information Systems; e-mail: velvikis@endinfosys.com

IOPP upgrades its Electronic Journal service

Institute of Physics Publishing launched a major upgrade of its Electronic Journals service in April. The re-engineered service gives much faster access to journal content, and interface changes have enhanced on-screen navigation facilities. Also in the newest version, IOPP article abstracts have been made freely available.

Further information: Lucy Pearce IOPP Electronic Journals Product Manager; e-mail: lucy.pearce@iopppublishing.co.uk

EBSCO Publishing ATHENS compliant

EBSCO Online and EBSCO Host are now fully compliant with the ATHENS authentication system. Users of the two services can now authenticate using IP address, username and password, or ATHENS username and password, depending on local preference. The EBSCO interfaces will maintain all their normal functionality when accessed via ATHENS.

Further information: Richard Steeden, EBSCO Account Services Manager; e-mail: RSteeden@ebSCO.com

New Problem-based medical learning system

Ovid Technologies and MedCases Inc. are to distribute an integrated medical educational product. The MedCase system uses a set of

realistic cases in which simulated patients present with specific medical complaints. Students can now investigate the cases by linked information on the MedCase and Ovid databases.

Further information: Chris Verdesi, Ovid Technologies; e-mail: chris_verdesi@ovid.co, or Keith Cox, MedCases Inc.; e-mail: kcox@medcases.com

DocuRights provides internet protection

The Aries Systems Corporation has recently launched DocuRights, a system which enables publishers to retain control over documents even though the physical files have been distributed throughout the internet. This it does by decoupling document protection from website security by wrapping each individual document in a "secure container". The system has specifically been developed with STM publishers and their academic customers in mind.

Further information: URL: <http://www.docurights.com>

Changes to SwetsNet

Swets Blackwell recently announced that the number of journals offered through SwetsNet is now over 3,100. This is in addition to the agreement announced late last year that allows access to Academic Press's electronic journal service, IDEAL, via the SwetsNet gateway. Further changes to the gateway service will include a new name (SwetsnetNavigator) and a new user interface.

URL: <http://www.swetsblackwell.com>

eBookAd

eBookAd is a comprehensive clearinghouse site for all types of information about electronic books, including reviews as well as technological and economic topics. The URL is <http://www.eBookAd.com/>. Information courtesy of Gerry McKiernan at Iowa State University; e-mail: kerrymck@iastate.edu

New IPR CD-ROM

The Intellectual Property Rights Helpdesk has recently issued a free CD-ROM containing an offline version of its multilingual website, as well as all IPR tutorials.

Further information: e-mail: info@ipr-helpdesk.org; URL: <http://www.cordis.lu/irp-helpdesk>

DPA website launched

The Digital Performance Archive recently launched its website and custom-built website. The DPA database logs developments that combine performance activity with new digital technologies. It also collates examples of how computer technologies are being used to create, document and analyse performance.

Further information: e-mail: dpa@ntu.ac.uk;
URL: <http://www.art.ntu.ac.uk/dpa>

Enhancements to JSTOR interface

As a result of users' comments, JSTOR has made several changes to its interface. These include a new Set Preferences feature, optional display of Provider Designation information, enhancements to the Search Results page, rendering of Latex coding to display special characters in mathematics and science journals, and a new quick links feature on the Browse page.

Further information: Alison Murphy, JSTOR Information Officer; e-mail: jstor@mimas.ac.uk

New Mailbase discussion list

Following the setting up of the feasibility study to investigate the possibilities for a UK National Union Catalogue, a new mailbase discussion list has been set up to provide a forum for discussion on all aspects of the project. To join the list send an email to mailbase@mailbase.ac.uk with the message: *Join lis-uknuc Firstname Lastname*

In the body of the text; leave the subject line blank.
Further information: Tony Kidd (UKNUC Feasibility Study – Serials Aspects); e-mail: t.kidd@lib.gla.ac.uk

Marcia Tuttle International Grant

The recipient of the Marcia Tuttle International Grant for 2000 is Jean Hiron, CONSER Co-ordinator at the Library of Congress. She will be travelling to the UK later this summer to extend the work of the Serials Co-operative Training Program, to promote CONSER membership, support the proposed AACR2 revisions for serials, and to generally further co-operative efforts for serials cataloguing.

Sage Contents Alerting Service

Sage Publications has launched the Sage Contents Alerting Service. Anyone with access to the

internet can subscribe to this service free of charge and receive advance notice of contents for publication in selected Sage journals. Tables of contents will be automatically emailed as they become available, ensuring customers receive prior notification of what's going to be published before the journal appears in print.

Further details are available on Sage's website: <http://www.sagepub.co.uk>, or from Jane Makoff, Sage Publications, 6 Bonhill Street, London, EC2A 4PU; e-mail: jane.makoff@sagepub.co.uk
Tel: 0171 374 0645; Fax: 0171 374 8741

Model licence for pharmaceutical companies

A small group of publishers and pharmaceutical librarians has been working for a year on a model licence which addresses the special needs of these sectors (many, but not all, of their needs are common with other special libraries). The document is complete and it will shortly be appearing on the ALPSP website (www.alpsp.org.uk).

Acoustical Society of America – new electronic newsletter

On July 1, 2000 the Acoustical Society of America will launch its second archival journal, Acoustics Research Letters Online (ARLO), the international electronic letters journal of acoustics. For the prior 15 months ARLO appeared in the Journal of the Acoustical Society of America, JASA (print and online), as part of the initial testing period. ARLO introduces several advances that promise to be a model for all publishers of scientific research. In particular, ARLO offers authors rapid peer review and publication of their letter-sized submissions (in as little as one month) with its unique Manuscript Management System (MMS). Authors are also invited to submit multimedia content, which is reviewed and archived, as well as colour figures when appropriate.

ARLO is free to individual readers possessing Netscape or Internet Explorer browsers, guaranteeing maximum world-wide dissemination of authors' research results. Authors pay a manuscript fee, and libraries are asked to pay a nominal subscription fee to support the editorial process, as well as archiving, linking, search functions, and security, which are

provided by our publisher, the American Institute of Physics.

Readers, authors, reviewers, and associate editors (who are drawn largely from the JASA editorial staff) enter the ARLO system at: <http://asa.aip.org/arlo> The Editor of ARLO and the Manuscript Manager can be contacted through this site to assist all who are involved in the publication process. The site will be up and working by July 1.

BIDS launches new look and improved site navigation

BIDS (Bath Information Data Services), has unveiled a new look with simplified navigation and extra supporting information for its academic users.

The general design and colour scheme of the new pages has been chosen to reflect the 'linked but separate' relationship with ingenta, the Web resource for the search and delivery of research articles. Users should find the new site easier to navigate around and pages have been designed to download quickly with the minimal use of graphics.

An extra section for libraries has been added to cater for the administration of the service and new users are catered for with easy-to-use service demos and guides.

Coinciding with the new website launch, BIDS has revised its policy of documentation charging and all documentation will now be supplied free-of-charge.

New version of model licences released

New, updated, versions of the generic model licenses for electronic journals on www.licensingmodels.com have been released. The revised text of each license, together with the detailed commentary and guidance for use on each, has been developed as a result of extensive consultation with users in the publishing, vendor and library communities.

The number of publishers who have adopted these licenses as a model continues to grow: Arnold, Cambridge University Press, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, MCB UP, the OECD, Portland Press etc. In addition, they are clearly being used as a reference point in negotiations

between publishers and librarians, when an alternative text is on the table.

Send any further suggestions to improve their usefulness to: John Cox, John Cox Associates; e-mail: John.E.Cox@btinternet.com

Blissett Bookbinders – new Web Site

This site will be of interest to all acquisitions, collection management and serials librarians, students, private magazine collectors, holders of antiquarian book collections, and trade library suppliers, printers and publishers.

Features of the site include on-line request forms, electronic discussion forums, feedback page, detailed product and service catalogue, location map, glossary of terminology, links, archive copies of customer newsletters and guide to good book care. Next day collections of binding can also now be arranged through the Internet Site: <http://www.blissetts.com>

For more information about the development of the site please contact Charles Dunn, Sales & Marketing Team Leader at Blissetts, Roslin Road, Acton, London W3 8DH; e-mail: charles.dunn@blissetts.com Tel./Fax: 01422 246848; Mobile: 0771 2107298;

Electronic Resource Centers from the Gale Group

The Gale Group has recently announced History Resource Center as the latest addition to the growing collection of Resource Center databases available from the company. The Resource Center concept is a unique database development from the Gale Group which combines a wealth of reference sources – biographies, histories, reference, journal articles, original documents, illustrations, Web site links and much more – in a single database.

History Resource Center:U.S. is the most comprehensive collection of U.S. historical information ever gathered in one source. It is a rich collection of full-text periodicals, multimedia reference articles and overviews and facsimiles of historic documents – creating a virtual library of the essential tools needed in the university study of U.S. history. Unlike other sources, which contain only periodical or only bibliographic information, History Resource Center:US brings together a broad collection of facts, primary documents and scholarly analysis. No other

electronic source provides integrated access to such diverse types of information, and it is an essential resource for universities offering courses in American studies.

The Literature Resource Center, Biography Resource Center and Student Resource Center are currently available and the Gale Group is developing further Resource Centers for release during the coming months.

Note that the Gale Group will be re-locating to the following address with effect from 2 May 2000: Gale Group, 110 St Martin's Lane, London WC2N 4AZ, UK. Tel: +44 (0)20 7257 2930; Fax: +44 (0)20 7257 2940. All e-mail addresses are unchanged.

URL: <http://www.galegroup.com/world>

Forthcoming DNER content from the JISC

Below is a list of agreements for services, which it hoped to launch in time for the start of the next academic year.

AMICO – a collection of digital art images from American Museums. More information is available at <http://www.amico.org/home.html>

KnowUK – a collection of high-quality digital reference materials about people and organisations in the UK. See <http://www.chadwyck.com/> for more information, or http://www.jisc.ac.uk/pub00/c03_00.html

McGrawhill AccessScience – though this product has not successfully obtained badging from the JISC's Content Working Group, the JISC may be in a position to facilitate lower cost subscriptions for those thinking of subscribing any way. This is as the result of an international negotiation by the International Coalition of Library Consortia in which the JISC has participated. If you are interested in more information about this, please contact alicia.wise@kcl.ac.uk a.s.a.p.

Oxford English Dictionary Online – details promised on 18 May have been held up due to a last minute VAT question, and some problems with the CHEST web server. More information available at <http://www.oed.com/>, at http://www.jisc.ac.uk/pub00/c01_00.html, and http://www.jisc.ac.uk/pub00/c02_00.html

PCI Full Text – A collection of finding aids plus full-text access to historical journals for the

arts and humanities. See <http://pcift.chadwyck.co.uk/> for more information, or http://www.jisc.ac.uk/pub00/c03_00.html

PsycInfo – the creme de la creme of electronic information for psychology and related disciplines. More information is currently circulating to chief librarians in UKHEIs via lis-sconul

SCRAN – a collection of images, moving images, and sound resources about culture and history. More information is available at <http://www.scran.ac.uk/>

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Fax: (020) 7848 2939

or: Catherine Grout, JISC Image Co-ordinator;
e-mail: catherine.grout@kcl.ac.uk

Learned Publishing Goes Online

Learned Publishing, the quarterly journal on academic publishing issues, is available online from 26 June 2000. The full text from Volume 10 (1997) onwards is now freely available to subscribers and non-subscribers alike, without charge or registration.

The online version is available ahead of the print edition. It enables you to browse, search, download and print at your desktop. References are linked to and from the major abstracting and indexing databases, and CrossRef links will be added as they become available. A free table of contents alerting service is also available.

Learned Publishing is published by the Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers, and the online version is mounted and sponsored by CatchWord.

To access the online version, go to www.alpsp.org.uk/volcont.htm
Contact: Anne Davenport,
e-mail: anne@annedavenport.demon.co.uk

Ovid and Unbound Medicine agreement

Ovid Technologies has reached an agreement with Unbound Medicine, Inc. to distribute Unbound's MedWeaver product with Ovid's Online Clinical Resources. Unbound's MedWeaver is a web-based decision-support

tool targeted to meet clinicians' information needs. Integrated with Ovid resources, MedWeaver helps clinicians:

1. Enter symptoms and perform a differential diagnosis;
2. Review a profile of each disease in the differential diagnosis;
3. Obtain an explanation as to why a disease was included on the differential diagnosis list;
4. Perform an assisted search of Ovid MEDLINE^o and Ovid Full Text for a selected disease;
5. Explore vetted medical websites related to each disease;

For more information, call Ovid at (800) 950-2035 in the U.S. or contact your nearest Ovid office or distributor.

New headquarters and move into Midlands for Sue Hill

In a twin move, Sue Hill Recruitment & Services, the agency which specialises in information professionals, has moved into a new headquarters in central London and extended its activities to the Midlands. The headquarters are now based in Borough High Street close to London Bridge train and underground stations.

The Midlands office will be run by Information Unlimited, the regional information consultancy established by Margaret Brittin and Chris Crabtree in 1989.

Sue Hill Recruitment & Services can be contacted at Borough House, 80 Borough High Street, London SE1 1LL (tel: 020 7378 7068 fax: 020 7378 6838), or at Clifton House, 31 Solihull Road, Shirley, Solihull, West Midlands B90 3HB. Tel: 0121 745 9375; fax: 0121 744 4318; e-mail: jobs@suehill.com; >website: www.suehill.com

PreMEDLINE now available through Ovid Online

Ovid Technologies has added PreMEDLINE for access via Ovid Online. PreMEDLINE is the NLM's in-process database for MEDLINE. It provides basic citation information and abstracts before the citation is indexed with NLM's MeSH heading and added to MEDLINE. Ovid is

providing free online PreMEDLINE access to all current and future Ovid Online and Local-Online Hybrid MEDLINE customers. Ovid's versions of PreMEDLINE and MEDLINE can be searched together as a single database with the new 4.1.0 version of the Ovid Web Gateway search and retrieval software, just released for Ovid Online customers. Ovid will provide daily updates of PreMEDLINE on Ovid Online. Records will appear with the tag "MEDLINE record in process" until they are available in full form in the MEDLINE database. Ovid MEDLINE will continue to be updated weekly, as the NLM completes its own updates.

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Ovid OpenLinks now available

On 29 June, Ovid Technologies announced the release of its Ovid OpenLinks"external full text linking solution, for purchase by Ovid institutional bibliographic database subscribers. OpenLinks is a software add-on for Ovid Web Gateway Version 4.1.0 that enables users to link from search results in their Ovid bibliographic databases to full text journal articles located on remote publishers' Web sites.

Ovid uses a dynamic linking model to develop external full text linking, meaning that full text links are generated in real time, from information ("metadata") contained in bibliographic records. To implement OpenLinks, a customer purchases electronic subscriptions to full text journals from the publisher, and the OpenLinks software from Ovid.

Next, the customer provides a list of basic e-journal information to Ovid Customer Support for implementation. Once OpenLinks are configured, live links to external full text articles are created and added to Ovid search results.

MIMAS – email address

In the March issue of Serials, the profile of MIMAS gave an incorrect e-mail address. The correct address is: info@mimas.ac.uk