



News

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New mailbase list for e-collectors

A new mailbase list has been set up for those involved in developing electronic collections of information. Topics include collection development strategies, identification, assessment and acquisition of content, collaborative collecting at local, regional and national levels, and other topical aspects of electronic collection management. To join the list, send the following message to mailto:mailbase@mailbase.ac.uk:
 join e-collections FirstName LastName

Further details: Alicia Wise, JISC Collections Manager, JCEI Coordination Office, Information Services and Systems, King's College London, Strand, London WC2R 2LS, tel.: 0171-848-2556; e-mail: mailto:alicia.wise@kcl.ac.uk

Enhancements to EBSCO Online

Improvements to EBSCO Online include improved management and access capabilities, including issue status, linking URLs, usage reports and alternate content formats. A list of publishers and titles available through EBSCO Online can also be viewed at URL: <http://www.ebsco.com>.

Further information: Thomas J. Mitchell, EBSCO Subscription Services, e-mail: mailto:tjmitchell@ebsco.co

BioMed Central – new e-print service planned

BioMed Central (BMC), a new web initiative for biomedical researchers is to be launched in May 2000. It will give researchers the tools needed to publish data quickly and easily on the web. It will use web technologies to publish submitted

research which has been carried out following accepted scientific criteria, to speed up the peer review process and to make all articles published through BMC available immediately and in full through the research archive, PubMed Central. PubMed Central is the proposed NIH repository for peer-reviewed primary research reports in the life sciences; it plans to begin accepting journal articles in January 2000. BMC will also participate in a parallel pre-print/e-print archive that will be closely integrated with the proposed PubMed Express e-print archive.

Further details: URLs: <http://www.current-science-group.com>;
<http://www.biomedcentral.com>;
<http://pubmedcentral.nih.gov>

Cambridge University Press changes to online access procedures

Changes have been made to the Cambridge Journals Online access procedures. Username and password registration for the service is now required only for access to full-text articles, customized services, and activation of institutional subscriptions.

Further details: mailto:cjo@cup.org

MLAC consultation document

The Museums, Libraries and Archives Council has issued a consultation document which sets out the vision for the MLAC and explains what it will do and how it will work. The full text is available on the LIC website at URL: <http://www.lic.gov.uk/publications/mlac.html>

Virtual Reference Library launched

Toronto Public library has launched the Virtual Reference library (<http://vrl.tpl.toronto.on.ca>). Staff at Toronto Public Library have selected and indexed Internet resources in over 25 subjects. Approximately 10,000 Internet sites can be browsed by subject or searched by keyword.

Further details: Kathy Scardellato, VRL Project Leader, e-mail: mailto:kscardellato@tpl.toronto.on.ca

BMJ biomedical pre-print site

The BMJ, in collaboration with Stanford University Libraries, has recently launched clinmed.netprints.org, an electronic archive where researchers can post their work in clinical medicine and health before, during, or after peer-review by other agencies. After posting, authors may submit their papers to any peer-reviewed journal that accepts submissions that have appeared as electronic pre-prints.

Further information: URLs <http://www.clinmed.netprints.org/home.dtl>, <http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/319/7224/1515>

Access to Kluwer electronic journals via NESLI

From January 2000, Kluwer is offering a 2-year agreement to UK HEIs. The proposed agreement offers the option to purchase access to all the Kluwer Online titles for a percentage surcharge on print expenditure. In 2001, libraries will be able to cancel all of their print subscriptions in favour of electronic-only access, though with the option to buy print copies at favourable discount. The electronic journals can be accessed via the NESLI/Swetsnet interface, or direct via Kluwer online.

Further information from NESLI (<http://www.nesli.ac.uk>) or Kluwer (<http://www.wkap.nl/kaphtml.htm/ONLINE-JOURNALS>)

LISA upgraded

Library and Information Science Abstracts (LISA) has undergone a major review. The changes include the inclusion of fifteen electronic-only journals, as well as selected archives of these titles. Selected daily newspapers are covered, as

well as a number of new subject focuses such as Life long learning, Information literacy, Knowledge management, Information systems management and Management issues. As well as the content upgrade, LISA also launched a fortnightly-updated subscription Internet service, at website <http://www.LISAnet.co.uk>, which includes the archive from 1969.

Further information: Liz Rowan, editor of LISA at 01342-336159; e-mail mailto:Elizabeth.rowan@Bowker-saur.co.uk

ILS and document delivery companies announce joint partnership

Endeavour Information Systems and Clio Software recently announced a joint partnership to integrate the Voyager library management and the Clio ILL/document delivery management systems. This will result in a tightly integrated ILS and ILL system within the Voyager 2000 release, due out later this year.

Further information from Clio Software at URL <http://www.cliosoftware.com>, or Endeavour Information Systems at URL <http://www.endinfosys.com>

News from SilverPlatter

SilverPlatter recently announced new features and enhancements that will shortly be available on SilverLinker. These include filtering by journal title, links to a broader selection of electronic providers, including ScienceDirect, and the availability of the service on the Internet and Partner Hosted Services. As well as this, SilverPlatter has recently acquired exclusive rights to the HMIC (Health Management Information consortium) database, which is available either on CD-ROM or via the Internet; the data will be updated every two weeks.

Serials management module from Innovative

Innovative Interfaces completed beta testing of its new serials management module last autumn. The module, known as Millennium Serials, uses a Java-based interface that allows single-click access to the entire range of serials control functionality. A GUI screen gives users customisable windows functions, and user-friendly drop-down menus

and dialogue boxes. Other features include single-click graphical issue-check-in, support for issue-level URLs for electronic formats and a binding module.

Further information: Innovative Interfaces, 3 York Court, Upper York Street, Bristol BS2 8QF; tel.: 0117-975-1021; fax: 0117-924-4367; e-mail: mailto:info_uk@iii.com; URL: <http://www.iii-europe.com>

IP-Wire

IP-Wire is a free monthly newsletter that highlights intellectual property issues from the courts, European institutions and other relevant sources. It is the organ of the Intellectual Property Rights Helpdesk, and can be read at URL <http://www.ipr-helpdesk.org/ipwire>.

Alternatively, register for a free subscription by emailing <mailto:ip-wire@ipr-helpdesk.org>.

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Natural history serials project

In November 1999, the Natural History Museum and the British Library launched a joint project to examine serial collections in the natural history field. The project is intended to identify options and make recommendations for collaborative rationalisation of holdings, and libraries with major natural history collections have been invited to participate. The project is initially for six months and the first phase is now in progress.

Further information: Jane Secker, Serials Project Officer, Department of Library and Information Services, The Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 5Bd; tel.: 0207-942-5267; e-mail: <mailto:j.secker@nhm.ac.uk>; Project URL: <http://www.nhm.ac.uk/info/library/serials.html>

Digital libraries education initiative

The National Science Foundation has launched a new programme entitled National science, mathematics, engineering and technology education digital library (NSDL). It aims to found a national digital library that will constitute an online network of learning environments and

resources for science, mathematics, engineering and technology at all levels.

Further information: URL:

<http://www.her.nsj.gov/her/duel/programs/nsdl/>

Enhancements to EBSCO's serials supply procedures

EBSCO Subscription Services and epixtech, inc. (formerly Ameritech) have recently launched EDI X12 format electronic serials claim facility for the Dynix ILS. Electronic claims are produced based on library-defined parameters, the systems builds an identifier that identifies the issue being claimed, and a new interface between the supplier's and library's systems allows the claim thus generated to sent to EBSCO via FTP. EBSCO has also recently upgraded EBSCONET so that customers can access and download their Monthly Claim Checker report.

Further information: Thomas J. Mitchell, EBSCO Subscription Services, e-mail: <mailto:tjmitchell@ebSCO.co>

BIDS launches MEDLINE linked to full-text articles

Students and academic can now access the popular MEDLINE database linked to full text as part of BIDS Academic Services (<http://www.bids.ac.uk>). The free service, produced by the National Library of Medicine, contains over 10 million records including abstracts from over 3,800 biomedical journals worldwide.

Bowker Saur's local holdings facility for its A&I databases

Bowker Saur producer of the LISA, BSI, ASSIA, and ANTE A&I databases is developing a local holdings facility for these databases, which are currently available, or soon will be available, on the Web. In order to make this facility as useful and easy to use as possible, the publisher is very keen to speak to those librarians who would benefit from such a facility. If you would like to contribute to this development, please contact Tim Wale, Development Editor at: e-mail: <mailto:Tim.Wale@bowker-saur.co.uk> tel.: 01342 336164; fax: 01342 336197

CatchWord provides linking technology that enables Taylor & Francis CrossRef participation

It was announced on 7 February, at the AAP/PSP meeting in Washington DC, that CatchWord will be providing the Taylor & Francis Group with the technical infrastructure to take them into CrossRef. CrossRef is a joint initiative by leading scientific and scholarly publishers to provide a service that will seamlessly link journal citations to the appropriate full text resource. CrossRef is scheduled to launch during the first quarter of this year.

For more information about CrossRef go to:

www.crossref.org

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Kluwer Academic Medical Journals Added to Journals@Ovid

Ovid Technologies (www.ovid.com) and Kluwer Academic Publishers (KAP) announced today the addition of five Kluwer Academic medical journal titles to Journals@Ovid. The five journals

join a growing list of almost 400 electronic full text journal titles in Ovid's aggregated electronic full text database, which is available exclusively via Ovid Online. Ovid will begin offering the journals via Journals@Ovid this Spring, beginning with the January 2000 issues.

The five KAP titles being added to Journals@Ovid are:

Annals of Oncology – the official journal of the European Society for Medical Oncology

Breast Cancer Research and Treatment – a key source of communication for presenting pertinent treatment of and investigations in breast cancer

Cardiovascular Drugs and Therapy – an authoritative source of current and relevant news indispensable for cardiologists

Journal of Inherited Metabolic Disease – the official journal of the Society for the Study of Inborn Errors of Metabolism

Journal of Neuro-Oncology – a multi-disciplinary journal encompassing basic, applied, and clinical investigations in all research areas as they relate to cancer and the central nervous system

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