

Industry News

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Union List of Art, Architecture and Design Serials*

A recent successful bid to the British Library's Co-operation and Partnership Programme has resulted in an award of £67,500, jointly funded by the BL and the Research Support Libraries Programme, which will allow substantial development and expansion of the Union List of Art, Architecture and Design Serials. The online Union List has its beginnings in the early 1990s, when the Art Libraries Society (ARLIS / UK & Ireland) and the National Art Library (NAL) embarked upon a project to create a database of the art, architecture and design serials held by a wide range of academic, public, national and special libraries. As a result, the List now gives some 24,000 individual locations for around 14,000 serials titles held by nearly 60 libraries throughout the UK and Ireland.

The National Art Library has now appointed a full-time Project Officer, Miranda Stead, to work on the Union List until July 2002. The first priority is to increase the range and depth of information available in the Union List by increasing the number of libraries represented and by enhancing many of the bibliographical records for serials not held by the NAL. A web interface for the Union List is now available and, in the next year or so, an online directory of libraries will be established, incorporating information about access to the material included in the Union List. Libraries will be invited to

provide information for the new directory at the appropriate time.

Further information: <http://www.nal.vam.ac.uk/ulist/>
The web interface to the Union List, including a project description: <http://catalogue.nal.vam.ac.uk/serials.html>
NAL website: <http://www.nal.vam.ac.uk>
ARLIS website: <http://arlis.nal.vam.ac.uk>

Swets & Zeitlinger Publishers release new version of ABES demo

Swets & Zeitlinger Publishers have announced a major update to the Online Demo facility of the Annotated Bibliography for English Studies (ABES). Visitors to the ABES Demo Page at <http://abes.swets.nl> will now be able to browse the full contents of the ABES database at no charge, allowing improved insight into its scope and structure

Users of the Demo will also be able to benefit from the bimonthly updates to the ABES database. This improved demo facility not only demonstrates the full potential of ABES Online, but also serves as a bibliographic resource in its own right.

ABES is a unique reference tool in the field of English Studies. It was launched to help students and researchers find their way to the literature they need, and its goal is to present users with selective bibliographies that address their specific requirements and refer them only to relevant material of the highest quality.

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The IDEAL Charter for Low-Income Countries*

Universities, research centers and teaching hospitals located in low-income countries can now gain reduced-rate access to IDEAL, the online resource library for researchers in science, technology and medicine.

The IDEAL Charter for Low-Income Countries, a new licensing model, offers specially priced access to IDEAL for institutions located in countries with severely limited resources. As Internet connectivity becomes more widespread, the availability of IDEAL through this new licensing model will contribute to development of many institutions in eligible countries worldwide.

Eligibility

The IDEAL Charter offers reduced-rate access to countries conforming to the World Bank definition of "low income countries," i.e. those with a Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita of US \$760 or less.

This group includes sub-Saharan African countries, as well as countries in Central and Southeast Asia and Central America.

Price

The IDEAL Charter price is calculated by combining a flat-rate fee of US \$3,000 with an adjustable figure based on a country's current GDP. GDP data is derived from the World Bank's World Development Report 1999/2000 and the United Nations Statistics Division. The charter price is to be recalculated annually in accordance with each licensed country's economic performance. When a country moves out of the "low-income" category, normal IDEAL licensing models apply.

Access

The IDEAL Charter provides unlimited access to all journals on IDEAL, including titles from Academic Press and Harcourt Health Sciences. Over the course of 2001, over 300 scientific, technical, and medical journals will be published on IDEAL. In addition, the charter license offers full-text access to archival backfiles, dating back to 1993, of all Academic Press journals on IDEAL. A complete list of journals available on IDEAL may be found on the IDEAL home page at www.idealibrary.com.

Sponsorship

As part of the launching of the IDEAL Charter

for Low-Income Countries, sponsorships are being sought.

Though the charter model comprises reduced-rate fees, subsidised by Academic Press and Harcourt, some low-income countries may need further assistance to enable them to take advantage of the innovative licensing initiative. Philanthropic organisations and corporations are encouraged to underwrite charter access to IDEAL for specific countries.

For more news about the IDEAL Charter, go to www.academicpress.com/www/ideal/pressreleases/charter.htm. Additionally, download a PowerPoint presentation "IDEAL Charter: Licensing Low-Income Countries" (87KB) presented at the United Kingdom Serials Group Conference, April 2001.

**Low-income country: As defined by the World Bank's World Development Report 1999/2000, comprising all countries with a Gross Domestic Product per capita of US \$760 or less, and a Gross Domestic Product of \$50 Billion or less, and excluding countries which have not yet ratified the Berne Convention on copyright.*

SciELO: Scientific Electronic Library Online

Gerry McKiernan, of Iowa State University, reports a most impressive virtual library of full-text Brazilian e-journals called SciELO: Scientific Electronic Library Online – <http://www.scielo.br/>. The collection includes journals in all subject areas.

An alphabetical list, subject list, and search form for the journals in this collection is available, as are author and subject indexes and a search form for author and subject searching.

In general, coverage is available for the most recent few years.

SAPIENS – Scottish Academic Periodicals: Implementing an Effective Networked Service

The University of Strathclyde's Centre for Digital Library Research (CDLR), acting on behalf of the Scottish Confederation of University and Research Libraries (SCURL), has secured £98,990 from the Scottish Higher Education Funding Council's Strategic Change Grant, for a project to develop a centralised Scottish electronic journals service.

SAPIENS (Scottish Academic Periodicals:

Implementing an Effective Networked Service) will begin in June 2001 and run for two years. The project aims to assist smaller Scottish publishers whose journals are not yet available online, by providing server space, technical support, a high-profile gateway and various value-added services, and thus removing some of the barriers to entry into the electronic environment.

More specifically, SAPIENS aims to:

- examine the case for a centralised Scottish electronic journal service which might enable and encourage smaller publishers to make existing and new journals available in electronic form
- design and build a demonstrator service, which will deliver current journals from a representative selection of publishers via a common gateway
- develop and launch an operational service, together with a marketing strategy to ensure that it is self-sustaining within a year of the end of the project.

The project is expected to have a significant and beneficial impact on the effectiveness of academic and cultural publishing in Scotland, on the cost-effectiveness with which Scottish university libraries can provide access to Scottish journals for students, teachers and researchers in their institutions, and on the dissemination of Scottish scholarship both within higher education and beyond.

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SPARC PARTNERS WITH LIBRARY-PUBLISHED E-JOURNAL – Journal of Insect Science, Published by the University of Arizona Library, Introduces a No-Cost Electronic Alternative

SPARC (the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition) today announced its partnership with the Journal of Insect Science, an electronic journal available free of charge and published by the University of Arizona Library.

Journal of Insect Science (JIS) is the first SPARC partner journal to be published by a university library. JIS is accessible online at: <http://www.insectscience.org>.

Henry Hagedorn, Department of Entomology, University of Arizona and the editor of the Journal of Insect Science, is the former editor of the Archives of Insect Biochemistry and Physiology. He resigned from that journal because of concerns regarding price and access policies. The Journal of Insect Science allows copyright to be retained by authors, with limited rights for JIS to maintain the articles online and in archives.

For further information: SPARC:

<http://www.arl.org/sparc>

Declaring Independence: <http://www.arl.org/sparc/di>

YALE UNIVERSITY/ Yale Library to plan digital archives with Elsevier Science

The Yale University Library and Elsevier Science announce today a year-long planning process for the creation of a digital archive for the 1,100 journals published electronically by Elsevier Science.

Assuring the preservation of digital information is one of the highest priorities for libraries and publishers, and this project marks a step forward for both. The project expects to realize a model archive within two years and looks to a future in which scientists and scholars will be assured that today's publications will be available decades from now.

For part of the "life cycle" of scientific information, commercial publishing practices ensure the most effective and cost-efficient means of maintaining access to current information; for other parts of that cycle, digital preservation and access responsibilities must be transferred to an archival agent. Project planning will focus on the critical events that should prompt changes in the management of preservation, on what a library needs to act as an archival agent and on the agreements needed to enable such changes.

The project will investigate the uses a digital archive supports and the extent to which it is possible to differentiate between content-the long-term integrity of which must be preserved-and the options for rendering and using that content. Various formats for encoding digital content will be studied to determine which are

likely to remain relatively stable over time and to be good anchors for preservation. Project planners will also establish an infrastructure for processing digital objects selected for the archive.

The plan for a library-based archive of the digital publications of Elsevier Science will include the business arrangements necessary for maintaining the archive over time.

A good plan and a successful implementation of that plan could result in a digital archive being in place by 2003. The Yale Library hopes that in time it might be able to offer model archival services to publishers other than Elsevier Science. A substantial number of other projects in the United States and abroad create an environment of experimentation and professional discourse for the collaborative work of the Yale Library and Elsevier Science.

The one-year planning work is supported by a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Paul Conway, head of the Yale library's Preservation Department, can be reached at paul.conway@yale.edu. Karen Hunter can be contacted at khunter@elsevier.com

EBSCO Publishing Creates Medical Databases Specifically for Biomedical Professionals

EBSCO Publishing recently revised its medical databases to better suit specific areas of the medical market. Databases have been customized for particular markets to provide users with access to pertinent information in their field of work or field of interest. In doing so, EBSCO now offers the Biomedical Reference Collection, consisting of the Basic, Expanded, and Comprehensive Editions, as well as the Nursing & Allied Health Collection, which is also comprised of Basic, Expanded, and Comprehensive Editions. These Collections have been tailored to the needs of doctors, nurses and other medical professionals. The Health Source: Consumer Edition medical database has been reworked to better serve the needs of the general consumer. These databases offer an increased amount of full text results using EBSCO SmartLinks™ technology.

New Medical Databases

Biomedical Reference Collection is a complete database with 400 full text journals in the

Comprehensive Edition, over 200 full text journals in the Expanded Edition, and over 100 full text journals in the Basic Edition. This database provides information customized for doctors, research scientists, students, clinical specialists and managers.

Nursing & Allied Health Collection is tailored to the needs of nursing and allied health professionals, students, educators and researchers. The Comprehensive Edition contains 300 full text journals covering the areas of nursing, biomedicine, health sciences, consumer health and allied health disciplines

Health Administration Databases

EBSCO Publishing continues to offer the Health Business™ Elite and Health Business™ FullTEXT databases for health administrators. These two databases cover important health care topics such as hospital management, hospital administration, marketing, human resources, computer technology, facilities management and insurance.

Patient Databases

The Health Source®: Consumer Edition, Alt-HealthWatch, and Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection databases cater to the needs of the general consumer, or patient. Each of these databases covers topics and includes journals concerning consumer health. Health Source: Consumer Edition focuses on titles such as American Fitness, Better Nutrition, Consumer Reports on Health, Men's Health, and Prevention. Nutrition, fitness, aging, substance abuse, and diseases such as cancer, AIDS, and diabetes are examples of this database's focal point.

Collection Management and Scholarly Electronic Publishing Resource

This resource stems from the research project undertaken in late 1997/early 1998, which resulted in the report, *The Publishing of Electronic Scholarly Monographs*. While remaining both selective and primarily in the area of scholarly monograph publishing (as opposed to scholarly journals), this resource contains more material than the original bibliography and has been divided into two complementary areas: Collection Management and Scholarly Electronic Publishing. Scholarly Electronic Publishing contains general references as well as sub-sections

on Authority and Digital Signatures; Charging, Licences and Copyright; and Preservation and Legal Deposit and Practical Aspects of Electronic Publishing. New additions for each calendar month are highlighted until superseded by those of the following month. Citations are added regularly during the month.

Books for Academics website

This website contains a directory of academic publishers' online catalogues, by A-Z and subject as well as an online bookshop and database for new academic titles.

Web address – <http://www.ex.ac.uk/bfa> or

<http://www.booksforacademics.com>

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OECD Publications Added to EBSCO Online®

An agreement has been reached between OECD and EBSCO Subscription Services to provide access to the full text of 49 OECD publications through EBSCO Onlinesup>®.

British Library Public Catalogue replaces British Library OPAC 97 in January 2001.

British Library OPAC 97, first launched in May 1997, underwent a major upgrade in the last week of January 2001. The new replacement is now called the British Library Public Catalogue. Available at <http://blpc.bl.uk>

The Newspaper Library Web Catalogue (The British Library Newspaper Library)

The Newspaper Library web catalogue (http://www.bl.uk/collections/newspaper/news_cat.html) includes entries for over 52,000 newspaper and periodical titles from all over the world, dating from the 17th to the 21st century. The collections of the British Library Newspaper Library include: all UK national daily and Sunday newspapers from 1801 to the present; most UK and Irish provincial newspapers, dating from 1699 onwards; selected newspapers from

around the world in western and Slavonic languages from 1631 onwards, including extensive holdings from Commonwealth countries and many other nations, notably France, Germany, Russia, and the USA.

EBSCO Publishing Licenses CrossRef Database Full Text Available via EBSCOhost® Reaches Nearly 10,000 Journals – More Than Any Single Service

EBSCO Publishing is further enhancing its EBSCOhost® search service by licensing the use of CrossRef, a well-known service comprised of more than 60 publishers representing metadata for over 3,800 full text journals and 2.9 million articles. Through a combination of full text journals available in EBSCOhost databases, seamless links to e-journals in EBSCO Online, and now links to CrossRef member publishers, EBSCO offers its users the ability to access a collection of full texts, totaling nearly 10,000 journals.

Customers will be able to turn on this linking feature through the use of EBSCOadmin, the administrative module for EBSCOhost. EBSCOadmin also provides with the necessary tools to indicate which journals should have active links. This feature is especially beneficial for customers accessing licensed databases via EBSCOhost, such as ERIC®, PsycINFO®, Sociological Abstracts and MEDLINE®. EBSCO SmartLinks allow users to search these citation-only databases, and actually retrieve full text results. The partnership with CrossRef tremendously enhances the ability to provide more SmartLinks to more full text titles.

ISI® Web of KnowledgeSM Announced – integrated Web-based Platform Transforms the Research Process

ISI®, a Thomson Company, have announced the launch of ISI Web of Knowledge, a powerful Web-based platform that integrates ISI Web of Science® and ISI Current Contents Connect® with additional sources of influential content. This single platform extends and deepens the research coverage available through one resource by integrating journal, patent, proceedings, and life

sciences literature with Web resources and other scholarly data. Key content can be cross-searched in the ISI Web of Knowledge. Additionally, the full text of evaluated Web sites is fully searchable through ISI Current Contents Connect. ISI Web of Knowledge also introduces performance evaluation tools.

With the introduction of ISI Web of Knowledge, cross-content searching will be available. This functionality offers the advantage of greater individual choice. A user will be able to perform natural-language searches across journals, books, proceedings, patents, and life sciences literature.

Newly introduced and a key component of ISI Web of Knowledge, ISI Current Contents Connect version 1.6 makes the full text of evaluated and classified Web sites searchable and browsable. These Web sites have been carefully selected by ISI editorial specialists based on their value to research, and include pre-prints, funding sources, and other scholarly research activity resources.

Additionally, a powerful new evaluation tool, ISI Essential Science IndicatorsSM, will be incorporated into ISI Web of Knowledge. This analytical resource can be used to rank institutions, individuals, nations, and journals within disciplines for the purpose of evaluating scientific research and providing performance measures. ISI Essential Science Indicators compiles and analyzes cited references – acknowledgments by scholarly authors of prior influence – and can also be used to determine impact and trends in 22 fields of scientific discovery.

University and Colleges Information Systems Association (UCISA) Resource Centre

UCISA have announce the launch of the UCISA Resource Centre, a new trial service on the web at <http://www.ucisa.ac.uk/rc>. This was inspired by the success of the Year 2000 links from UCISA's web site.

Alison Pope, Assistant Executive Secretary, has been developing the idea to provide for UCISA members an accessible source of information in a range of areas. Obviously the potential for such a service is enormous. Therefore UCISA's Executive Committee has decided to limit the Resource Centre's scope, initially at least, to improving the

presentation of UCISA's existing web-based material and building an interface to external resources from there. The trial service establishes the Resource Centre as a distinct area of the UCISA web site that enhances the presentation of current material but also provides a place to discover further resources on topics found on the main site and extend these topics to link to resources further afield.

Initially the Resource Centre pages will be managed by Alison. If you have an interest in a particular topic and would like to edit a 'theme' area please mail her. Suggestions for useful topics for inclusion in the Resource Centre are also welcome. UCISA's Executive Committee will review the Resource Centre after a few months, so views on both the concept and implementation are invited. The mail address is execsec@ucisa.ac.uk.

There is further information about the Resource Centre at <http://www.ucisa.ac.uk/rc/about.htm>.

RLG-OCLC Long-term Digital Retention.

The RLG-OCLC collaboration to establish best practices and lead to infrastructures for digital archiving continues (outlined at <http://www.rlg.org/pr/pr2000-oclc.html>). The OCLC-RLG Working Group on Preservation Metadata recently completed a "set of 'essential' preservation metadata elements applicable to broad range of digital objects and digital preservation activity." The international group is on track to complete a set of recommendations in the last quarter of 2001. For more about this project, see <http://www.oclc.org/digitalpreservation/wgmetadata.htm>.

UK Government standard for metadata

The following information should be of interest to senior managers, ICT staff, cataloguers, electronic community information managers and website managers. It gives details of important government developments affecting provision of electronic catalogues, finding lists, directories and web services.

The e-Government Metadata Framework (e-GMF) is a policy framework from the Cabinet Office that sets out the Government's policies for establishing and implementing metadata standards across the whole public sector, so that

materials such as documents and web services are easier to find and manage.

Two main decisions have been made:

- mandatory use of Dublin Core as the UK Government Metadata standard. This uses internationally agreed elements such as Title, Creator, Subject and Description to describe materials, and these will be enhanced to meet all government needs.
- a Pan-Government Thesaurus (PGT) will provide a structured list of terms covering all aspects of government and its business to help ensure semantic consistency in metadata.

The e-GMF is part of a wider e-Government Interoperability Framework (e-GIF) which is already mandatory across the public sector. Users such as libraries will need:

- to inform themselves about the e-GMF and Dublin Core especially;
- to consider how their strategies may need adjusting so that resources such as library catalogues can be found on the web using searches based on Dublin Core standards;
- to update their project plans for developing web content (such as for NOF projects) to take account of the new frameworks and Dublin Core;
- to consider how indexing practices will be affected by the new Pan Government Thesaurus

Sources:

e-GMF <http://www.govtalk.gov.uk/egif/meta.html>;

e-GIF <http://www.govtalk.gov.uk/egif/home.html>;

A good basic guide to Dublin Core is available at:

<http://dublincore.org/documents/usageguide/>

Libraries will also find useful advice in the People's Network NOF Technical Standards guidelines and supporting information, available at:

<http://www.ukoln.ac.uk/nof/support/>

Supreme Court Sides With Freelance Writers in Electronic Rights Case

On 25 June, ruling against big media companies in an information age dispute, the Supreme Court said free-lance writers may control whether articles, which they sold for print in a regular newspaper or magazine, may be reproduced in electronic form. The court ruled 7-

2 that compilation in an electronic database is different from other kinds of archival or library storage of material that once appeared in print. That means that copyright laws require big media companies such as The New York Times to get free-lancers' permission before posting their work online.

Assumptions versus reality: user behaviour in sourcing scholarly information, Tuesday 25th September 2001, Royal Society, London

In its current research programme, the ingenta Institute has turned its attention to acquiring new data on the impact of online delivery and site licensing on journal subscriptions and article distribution.

The research also provides information on the ways in which the scholarly research community is adapting to these changes and the channels and media that researchers choose to identify and acquire the information that they need.

Results and conclusions of this year's ingenta Institute research project will be reported at a meeting to be held on Tuesday 25th September, at the Royal Society, London.

Highlights of the programme include:

- The relationship between journal subscriptions and document delivery. Mark Bide, Rightscom
- A behavioural study of end users of full-text articles. David Worlock, Electronic Publishing Services
- Access and delivery options: a route map. Christopher Woodhead, ingenta
- Key results and conclusions: an integrated summary. John Cox, John Cox Associates
- Implications for policy: a University view. Ian Butterworth, Imperial College
- Problems and opportunities for libraries. Michael Breaks, Heriot-Watt University
- Priorities for publishers. Speaker to be announced

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