Product news...

come! 1st floor bar, Agincourt Hotel, cnr Harris and George Streets at Railway Square, from 6:00pm. 27/1; 23/2; 30/3; 27/4; 25/5; 29/6; 27/7; 31/8; 28/9; 26/10; 30/11. Contact: Alyson Dalby, ph 0404 655 319, libraryworld@exemail. com.au

QLD

• **12/1/2005 ALIA Quorum**. *General meeting* to discuss the plans for the coming year, in particular the events planned for January and February. Watch the ALIAQLD e-list for more information. Contact: Joy Goldsmith, ph 0410 723 975, joy_goldsmith@hotmail.com

• **27/1/2005 Quorum/Quill launch for 2005**. *Come and help us celebrate the new year, and Quills 3rd birthday.* Venue and details will be posted to the ALIAQLD e-list. Contact: Joy Goldsmith, ph 0410 723 975, joy_goldsmith@hotmail.com

• **10/2/2005 ALIA Quorum**. *NER*D for New Librarians Symposium 2.* Participants of the NLS2 will discuss the key points and ideas they gained from this conference. Further details will be posted the ALIAQLD e-list. Contact: Joy Goldsmith, ph 0410 723 975, joy_goldsmith@hotmail.com

• **24/2/2005 ALIA Quorum**. *NER*D for Online 2005.* Participants of the Online 2005 conference will discuss the key points and ideas they gained from this conference. Further details will be posted on the ALIAQLD e-list. Contact: Joy Goldsmith, ph 0410 723 975, joy_goldsmith@hotmail.com

• **22/3 ALIA Quorum**. *General meeting.* The events planned for April, May and June, and review the events from January and February. Watch the ALIAQLD e-list for more information. Contact: Joy Goldsmith, ph 0410 723 975, joy_goldsmith@hotmail.com

SA

• **2/12 Info Sci (SA)**. *Scoop and snoop: library touring with a difference!* We begin in the City Classroom, Grote Street Public Library, 18 Grote Street, Adelaide, 5:15– 7:30pm. *RSVPs essential by 30/11 to:* christine.cother@unisa.edu.au. Contact: Fiona Mariner, ph 08 8334 3261, fmariner@educationau.edu. au, http://www.unisanet.unisa.edu. au/Resources/Art/scoop.jpg

New Maxus product: Maxus Enquiries
Maxus Enquiries enables you to manage and track your enquiries easily and quickly over the web. It also has a built-in Knowledgebase facility, so you can harness relevant enquiries and create knowledge from them.

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Worldwide release of Reference by SMS
Complementing its range of products that enhance the reference function of libraries, Altarama announces the worldwide release of Reference by SMS, the first service designed specifically to allow libraries to seamlessly expand their reference delivery methods to include SMS (Simple Message Service for mobile phones).

For further information contact Altarama, ph 02 9974 2500, info@altarama.com.au, http://www. altarama.com.au.

Dialog and Elsag Solutions in content agreement for Sentiel system
Dialog has entered into a strategic relationship with Elsag Solutions AG, a European leader in information-chain management solutions, and a unit of the Elsag SPA Group of Italy.

Under the agreement, an extensive range of Dialog business news, information and research content is available to enterprises subscribing to Elsag's Sentinel system. Organisations subscribing to Sentinel may customise their external information flow by working with Dialog to choose files and databases from across the extensive range of Dialog content.

Dialog reorganises and expands Beilstein content
Dialog has reorganised and expanded its renowned Beilstein organic chemistry collection. With research dating back to 1771, the Beilstein collection is the world's oldest, most recognised and most respected authority for research and analysis in the field of organic chemistry.

Dialog is now offering the Beilstein collection in three separate files that may be searched simultaneously or individually. The Beilstein collection dates to pioneering research and publishing by Friedrich Beilstein, a 19th Century German chemist.

Access Innovations receives patent for MAI Lib
Access Innovations has been issued a patent by the US Patent and Trademark Office for its recently developed MAI Lib software system. MAI Lib automates the process of adding Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH) to documents stored in electronic databases and archives.

MAI Lib incorporates the entire 208 000-term set of Library of Congress subject headings, along

with tools to combine headings following detailed standards set in Marc 21 and the *Anglo-American Cataloging Rules,* Second Edition, followed by technical services librarians in the US and similar systems used abroad.

Scopus comes of age
Elsevier is proud to announce the launch of the world's largest scientific abstract database. Scopus — covering 14 000 scientific titles plus 167 million scientific web pages, and delivering the largest collection of abstracts ever collected online in one place, going back forty years — is now commercially available for trial and sale to any institution.

Kinetica launches new *Guidelines for contributing metadata*
The trend towards online publishing which began in the 1990s has gathered momentum in the last few years. Kinetica has increasingly obtained records for online publications, for example over half of the new titles for government publications added to the National Bibliographic Database in 2003 consisting of digital materials.

The guidelines cover the scope of a publication, contributing your metadata, metadata requirements and access to online publications. Guidelines for contributing metadata to the National Library of Australia for resource discovery is available on the web via a link from the Kinetica Cataloguing Service page at http://www.nla.gov. au/kinetica/cataloguing.html.

Serials Solutions price freeze
Serials Solutions introduces two initiatives to provide greater value to libraries. Serials Solutions will hold its 2004 price schedule in place through calendar year 2005, with no increases to the schedule. Second, the company will offer additional licensing alternatives to provide greater flexibility to libraries. Both options permit libraries to lock in their service price for a longer period of time, guaranteeing their price even further into the future.

For additional information or to see how these announced programs will affect services e-mail marketing@proquest.co.uk.

Blackwell Publishing purchases Food and Nutrition Press, Inc.
Society publisher Blackwell Publishing, have announced their purchase of Food and Nutrition Press, Inc (FNP). The acquisition adds eleven journal titles and over fifty books to Blackwell's food science list.

In addition to print copies, the journals will soon be available in electronic versions via Blackwell Synergy, the company's online delivery platform. Over 200 journals in science and professional disciplines are published by Blackwell each year.

Blackwell adopts the OpenURL standard
Blackwell's Book Services, continuing its tradition of providing innovative solutions to increase productivity and streamline acquisitions processing, has implemented the OpenURL standard, a protocol for linking from one information resource to another via a library link resolver, in its Collection

Manager system.

Blackwell's joins a number of leading library suppliers in adopting the Open URL standard. Hundreds of library databases now support the OpenURL standard and more than a thousand institutions use link resolvers, greatly benefiting library staff and patrons by expanding the number of resources available to them.

Biological abstracts now available on ISI Web of Knowledge

Thomson has announced that Biological Abstracts is now available on ISI Web of Knowledge. Covering every life sciences discipline, Biological Abstracts offers essential journal literature — with more than 8 million archival records back to 1969.

When accessed on ISI Web of Knowledge, Biological Abstracts will be enhanced with value-added features and functionality, including for the first time citation data such as: Citation and Times Cited and Citation Navigation.

Thomson signs agreement with UTS

Thomson has signed an agreement with Universal Technical Systems, Inc (UTS), http://www.uts.com, to sell its mathematical problem-solving software products through Techstreet, http://www.techstreet. com, the online superstore for engineers, corporate librarians and technical professionals worldwide. UTS is a leading developer of high-productivity, problem-solving software products and custom developed solutions.

Pharos products now available from DA Library Technologies

DA Library Technologies now supplies the Pharos product portfolio in Australia, providing tools to streamline the management of resources such as PCs, printers and photocopiers. SignUp is a self service PC reservation system ensuring fair access to all users. UniPrint and Off-the-Glass ensure printing and copying costs are recovered and can assist in reducing waste by up to 60 per cent.

DA Library Technologies to represent BiblioChip Systems.

DA Library Technologies has partnered with Bibliotheca RFID Library Systems AG of Switzerland, to represent the BiblioChip RFID Library System in Australia, New Zealand, New Guinea and Fiji.

The BiblioChip System has been developed and enhanced in close co-operation with libraries, delivering the features requested by the library market. For more information e-mail info@dalibtech. com.au, http://www.dalibt.com.au.

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EBSCOhost Electronic Journals Service (EJS) now includes access to more than 11 000 total titles. Of this number, there are more than 8000 viewable titles available.

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Capra Ryan will be seeking ALIA recognition for the Diploma in 2005.

Employment Law helpline launched for CILIP members

CILIP has launched a new service for its members in collaboration with The Work Foundation. The Employment Law Helpline will give CILIP members access to experienced human resources practitioners who can offer realistic, practical advice on the law and personnel issues, specially tailored to individual needs. The advice is free to CILIP members, and there are no set limits on call time or the number of calls made by an individual.

Knowledge Solutions and Sound Base form strategic alliance

Boston-based Knowledge Solutions LLC and Sound Base have formed an alliance to meet the increasing global needs of their clients. The relationship will help clients of both companies achieve results in markets across the globe.

Sound Base delivers enterprise development, management, and consulting services to content organisations. From its base in Sydney, Sound Base serves as a springboard into the Asia Pacific markets for leading European and US companies as well as working within the Australian marketplace. ∎