Product news...

KM Challenge 2004

Everything about *KM Challenge 2004* is designed to create a collaborative environment focused on making knowledge initiatives deliver benefit within your organisation. The keynote speaker is Dr Karl-Erik Sveiby one of the founding fathers of KM. Register now, at http://www.knowledge. standards.com.au.

Libero expands operations in Europe

To sustain continued growth to the European market Insight Informatics (Australia), the distributor of the Libero library software product has announced additional distributor outlets.

DLS, a LIB-IT GmbH distributor has the rights to distribute Libero throughout the territory of Eastern Europe, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Finland. Newly formed LIB-IT (UK) will be responsible for the distribution of Libero in the UK and Ireland market.

Unincorporated businesses and managers new on DASH

DASH, the database of companies, directors and shareholdings, which is co-published by Bureau van Dijk (BvD) and D&B now includes new records for unincorporated businesses, companies' branches and senior managers. The new information will be available on the next issue of DASH.

DASH will now incorporate information for 3.5 million companies, 5 million directors and 2.5 million shareholders. The new version of DASH is available on free trial from london@bvdep.com.

Innovative announces Millennium Silver

Innovative Interfaces, announced the upcoming release of its Millennium platform software will be designated as 'Millennium Silver'. Its name is intended to bring awareness to Innovative's 25th Silver Anniversary that will be celebrated throughout 2004

New products in Millennium Silver include the wireless workstation and online patron registration. In addition, Millennium Silver launches a suite of new products focused on web-based and electronic information services including the Electronic Resource Management, XML Harvester, XML Server and eCommerce modules.

Now original patent data from Delphion can be analysed in Derwent Analytics

Thomson Scientific has released enhancements to two of its key products, creating the only solution in the industry specifically designed for analyzing both Derwent World Patents Index (DWPI) data and original patent data. Customers can now export original patent data from Delphion using a new Data Extract format, and then bring it into Derwent Analytics using a new import filter.

Derwent Analytics was created in response to the need of professionals for a data mining and visualisation software product for the desktop. For more information, visit http://www. thomsonderwent.com.

EMBASE.com makes searching the HIV/AIDS literature easier

EMBASE.com, Version 4.0, produced by Elsevier, answers this critical need for authoritative, state-of-the-art scientific literature on HIV/AIDS and its etiology, diagnosis, epidemiology, transmission, treatment and cutting-edge research.

The scientific literature on HIV/AIDS appears in many different journals published around the world. EMBASE.com supports research efforts by providing comprehensive access to biomedical and drug journals from 70 countries. A free demonstration and 30-day free trial sign-up for EMBASE.com, Version 4.0 are offered at http://www. embase.com.

ProQuest announces agreement with News International

ProQuest Information and Learning announces an expanded agreement with News International. The agreement continues coverage of *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* in ProQuest online databases and brings two new newspaper titles, *The Sun* and *News of the World*, to ProQuest products.

The News International content will appear in ProQuest Newsstand products, eLibrary products for K-12 libraries and schools, and several products targeted at international ProQuest.

For more information about ProQuest Information and Learning, visit http://www. proquest.co.uk.

National

- **24–30/5/2004 Library and Information Week 2004**. *Down and loaded: the right information at the right time*. More information in future months!

Conferences

- **21–24/9 ALIA 2004 Biennial Conference**. *Challenging ideas*. Gold Coast Convention Centre. Contact: alia2004@alia.org.au, http://conferences.alia.org.au/alia2004/

- **3–4/12 New Librarians' Symposium**. Venue: Hilton, Adelaide. Contact: Kate Sinclair, convenor, kate.sinclair@flinders.edu.au

- **1–3/2/2005 ALIA Information Online 2005**. *Sydney NSW*. Conference Action, ph 02 9347 9333, fx 02 6282 2249, confact@conferenceaction. com.au

- **6–9/9/2005 National Library Technicians Conference**. *neXt 2005*. Sydney. Contact: Meredith Martinelli, convenor, mmartine@library.mq. edu.au, http://conferences.alia.org.au/libtec2005/

International

29/8–7/9 John Stanley Associates NZ Study Tour 2004. Join John Stanley and Fiona Emberton as they lead a ten day study tour through New Zealand and some of the best libraries in the world. Plus attend the 2004 New Zealand National Library Conference in Auckland and meet a host of new library friends. For more information, contact John Stanley, ph 08 9293 4533, info@johnstanley.cc. Download full tour details brochure (PDF 1.2MB): http://www.johnstanley.cc/transfer/retrieve.asp?fName=NZLibraryTour.pdf

ProQuest chosen as Internet2 collaboration site

Do you remember life before the internet? Internet2, the next generation of the worldwide educational communication network, will enable an equally large technology leap. ProQuest Information and Learning has recently been chosen as a collaboration site for the development of Internet2. ProQuest Information and Learning is already a corporate member of Internet2.

Internet2 will spark development that promises to be just as ground-breaking as the original internet. Internet2 will open access to areas of the world that formerly could not access the internet. ProQuest will work on research initiatives with Merit Network, a sister organisation of Internet2.

Film Indexes Online unites essential filmographic databases

ProQuest Information and Learning has launched Film Indexes Online (FIO), a new portal for subscribers to Film Index International (FII) and the American Film Institute Catalog (AFI Catalog). It was created in partnership with two distinguished film research organisations, the British Film Institute and the American Film Institute.

FII gives full international coverage of films and film personalities from more than 170 countries. FIO provides unparalled, cross-searchable access to scholars and media professionals to help further their research in the film and entertainment industry, providing essential information on American and international films.

For further information, or a free trial visit http://film. chadwyck.co.uk.

Irish universities pilot Safari e-book service

Seven Irish universities are piloting the new IT e-book service, Safari Tech Books Online from ProQuest Information and Learning. The scheme involves every university in the Republic of Ireland, and will run for twelve months from September 2003. The role that e-book services can play in an academic library setting will be evaluated, combining the attitudes of students, library staff and faculty towards online books.

ProQuest announces distribution agreement

ProQuest Information and Learning has signed a new agreement with *The New England Journal of Medicine* (NEJM) to distribute the full text of the respected medical journal electronically to libraries, hospitals and educational institutions.

Backfile rights dating back to 1996 are included in the agreement. Content in XanEdu CoursePacks will be current

with the print edition of NEJM. Other databases will be embargoed 90 days, subscribers can sign up for the ProQuest specialised e-mail notification lists at http://www.proquest.com/proquest/em-notecontent.shtml to receive notification when the full-text title is loaded and available.

Swets Information Services launched

Swets Blackwell announced today that it has officially changed its name to Swets Information Services. The company's renaming is due to Swets' acquisition of the remaining Blackwell shares after the initial Swets Blackwell joint venture in 2000.

The continued use of 'Swets' in the company name emphasizes the company's century-long tradition of expertise, service and innovation in the information industry and underlines the fact that the company is now wholly owned by the parent company, Royal Swets & Zeitlinger.

SwetsWise Publisher signings top thirty in 2003

Swets has announced that it has succeeded in signing an additional seven publishers to SwetsWise online content. This brings the grand total of new publishers signed in 2003 to thirty-one. SwetsWise now carries a total of 7698 full text e-journals from 280 publishers, with more than ninety per cent of the top STM publishers participating.

Royal Swets & Zeitlinger sells Swets Test International

Royal Swets & Zeitlinger Holding NV announced the sale of Swets Test International (STI) to Harcourt Assessment Inc., a US-based provider of high-quality assessment instruments and testing programs. STI, located in the Netherlands, France, Germany and the UK, is a leading publisher in the fields of human resource management, health care and education. STI will be integrated into the existing operations of Harcourt Assessment International, the international unit of Harcourt Assessment Inc, and will report to Ian Taylor, the vice-president international operations, based in London.

Swets Information Services appoints Ziur agent in Israel

Swets Information Services has announced the appointment of Ziur as its exclusive sales and marketing agent in Israel. Active in information management and scientific database marketing in the Israel market, Ziur is based in Petach-Tikva near Tel Aviv. Swets has decided to outsource the marketing, sales and first line customer service role in Israel to Ziur as part of its policy to improve the level of support and services given to its customers.

Kinetica implements new

Kinetica users can now access the Singapore National Union Catalogue (SNUC) through Kineticaweb. The SNUC consists of bibliographic records representing the

collections of over seventy libraries in Singapore, and provides a rich source of Malay and Indonesian language material. SNUC is the sixth international database to be added to the Kinetica service.

As a result of an agreement between the National Library of Australia and the National Library of Singapore, the SNUC will be available to all Kinetica customers on a trial basis for six months starting in December 2003.

Dialog upgrades Dialog NewsEdge

Dialog has announced a series of upgrades to Dialog NewsEdge, its industry-specific, personalised current awareness and news alerting service for corporations, that will facilitate information sharing within subscribing organisations.

Dialog NewsEdge combines up-to-the-minute news, analysis and research culled from thousands of global sources. The upgrades announced include improved methods for printing, saving and sharing multiple delivered and retrieved documents.

For more information please visit http://support.dialog.com/publications/chronolog/200309/1030918.shtm.

ALJC closes first five deals

Swets Information Services announced today that it has signed the first five deals for the ALPSP Learned Journals Collection (ALJC) with organisations across several countries. In addition, a pricing and licensing proposal has been accepted by NESLi2, the UK's national electronic journals initiative for Higher and Further Education, and with major pharmaceutical corporation GlaxoSmithKline.

The ALJC (http://www.alpsp-collection. org/) is a unique collection of 247 journals from twenty-five diverse publishers. Swets Information Services serves as the ALJC's worldwide sales, marketing and access channel.

xreferplus wins 2003 CILIP Reference Award

xrefer is delighted to announce that its premier online reference service, xreferplus, has been awarded the prestigious Besterman/McColvin medal for outstanding works of reference published in the UK, electronic category. The award was presented at CILIP's Gala Awards presentation day at the Landmark Hotel in London on 21 November 2003.

The Awards are organised and administered by CILIP, the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals, with generous sponsorship from Nielsen Book-Data. More information about the awards is available at http://www.cilip.org.uk/news/2003/211103i.html. ∎