Product news...

Macquarie WordGenius Reference Library

Eurofield Information Solutions (EIS) has launched its latest PC software offering — the Macquarie WordGenius Reference Library (MWRL).

The MWRL contains the unabridged *Australian Macquarie Dictionary*, the Thesaurus and the Macquarie 100 000 word spellchecker which operates in the same manner as the Microsoft 40 000 word spellchecker, with all words spelt in Australian English.

The MWRL is priced at less than half the price of the books and there are substantial discounts for multi-user licences. EIS is proud that the Commonwealth Parliamentary Library and the UTS have installed the MWRL on all their PCs, and believes the MWRL is the ultimate Australian reading and writing productivity tool for your PC.

For more information see http://www.wordgenius.com.au or call EIS on 02 9411 3711.

Ulrich's Resource Linker now remotely hosted

Ulrich's Resource Linker, Bowker's new remotely hosted, affordable link resolver, brings your full-text electronic resources directly to the fingertips of your staff and library patrons.

At present, Ulrich's Resource Linker knowledge base tracks approximately 75 000 electronic periodicals from more than 1100 publishers and includes more than 626 databases and aggregator packages. It is tailored to your library, but maintained by Bowker, so there is no hardware or software to install at the library.

Feel free to explore http://www.resourcelinker.com for detailed information about Ulrich's Resource Linker, including sample customisation options and an interactive demo of the product.

Books to be donated to university libraries in the developing world

Elsevier has announced that it will donate books to ten university libraries in the developing world in celebration of the House of Elzevir's 425th anniversary and the 125th anniversary of the modern Elsevier company.

In celebration of its rich history, Elsevier has launched the global book donation program entitled A Book in Your Name. As part of this program,

each of the 6700 Elsevier employees worldwide has been invited to select one of ten libraries in developing countries to receive a book donated by Elsevier. Through A Book in Your Name, the ten libraries will receive approximately 700 books at a retail value of approximately US$1 million.

Thirty premier universities to receive access to ScienceDirect

Elsevier recently signed an agreement with the Higher Education Commission of the Government of Pakistan to enable thirty premier universities in Pakistan to receive access to ScienceDirect http://www.sciencedirect.com. The agreement, the first of its kind in Pakistan, is part of the country's recent focus on growth and development of its science and technology research sector.

ProQuest to distribute ACM journals

ProQuest Information and Learning will distribute nine journals published by the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) to the library and education market. All nine full-text titles are new to electronic distribution.

The titles are available in the ABI/INFORM business database suite, including a five-year backfile of full-text content for each title. The content is available in full text, Text+Graphics, abstract and index, and PDF Image.

Announcing Symposia: a new repository system from Innovative Interfaces

Innovative Interfaces has announced its plans to offer a full-featured institutional repository system. Called Symposia, this Open Archives Initiative (OAI)-compliant solution provides all that a community needs to collect, manage and promote its knowledge assets more effectively than ever before.

Innovative's product will support content creators, such as academic faculty or public officials who desire to or are mandated to make their work available to the widest group possible. It will also help library professionals embrace a new opportunity for community engagement.

Tasmanian IT firm wins major state eLearning contract

Software development company Dytech Solutions has beaten Australian and international firms to win a major state eLearning contract with Educa-

tion Queensland.

The deal will see a software system developed by Dytech Solution's eLearning business *The Learning Edge* at the core of Education Queensland's digital resource management system. Around 35 000 teachers and 490 000 students in 1280 state schools across Queensland will benefit from the project.

The Learning Edge product is an advanced J2EE content authoring and Learning Content Management System (LCMS), used by customers in the K–12, university, TAFE and corporate sectors. The system provides two key components — a digital repository, and tools within which all types of learning content can be stored and individually tailored and adapted.

CILIP and SCONUL working together for the library and information profession

SCONUL (the Society of College, National and University Libraries) and CILIP (the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals) have celebrated their joint declaration on working together for the library and information profession.

In a united presentation at SCONUL's annual conference, in Brighton on 8 April, CILIP's outgoing president Maggie Haines and SCONUL chair Suzanne Enright outlined a future in which policy development, and professional support for staff, would benefit from shared effort. The joint declaration comes at a time of change in higher education and libraries.

CILIP makes it easier to keep up with new services, news and developments

The Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals is making it easier to keep up with new developments at the UK's leading membership organisation for library and information workers. Instead of having to make regular visits to CILIP's website, you can now find out what's new automatically, using the new RSS service.

Go to http://www.cilip.org.uk/aboutRSS/ for full details and links to RSS readers that you can download.

Over 82 000 new articles added daily to Dialog NewsRoom

Dialog has announced that its Dialog NewsRoom service, a database of current and archived news reporting from around the world, now has more than 11 000 content sources. About 82 000 new articles are now added to the database daily at http://www.dialognewsroom.com.

In the last twelve months, Dialog has added more than 3000 new sources to the Dialog News-

Room service, including most of the top 100 US daily newspapers. Additionally, key journals are being added, including six magazines published by Time Inc.

Swets and CSIRO Publishing join forces in China

Swets Information Services has announced that CSIRO Publishing's entire electronic journal collection is now available to Chinese users via a rapid broadband connection to SwetsWise Online Content. In 2004, Swets forged a unique deal with CERNET, the China Education and Research Network, linking Chinese universities and academic research institutions directly to SwetsWise.

CSIRO Publishing now joins EDP Sciences and IOS Press in offering the Chinese scientific community rapid, reliable and cost-effective access to a large selection of valuable e-journals. Swets will also represent CSIRO Publishing's online journals to Chinese libraries and consortia — a fast-growing market expected to expand an additional 40 per cent over the next three years.

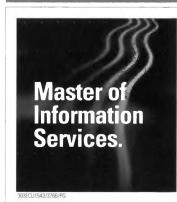## Factiva adds online content from Guardian Unlimited

Factiva has announced that online content from Guardian Unlimited is now available to Factiva's 1.6 million global subscribers through Factiva's products and services.

Guardian Unlimited is the UK's most popular newspaper website, with an average of more than nine million unique users and 96 million page impressions per month. The content is updated hourly, and contains unique web articles from Guardian Unlimited, with a particular emphasis on media, public services, education, sports and other breaking news throughout the day.

New enhancements for EBSCOhost EJS

EBSCOhost Electronic Journals Service (EJS) Enhanced now includes the availability of a new usage report for administrators, improved journal searching capabilities for end users and an upgrade to Athens authentication compliance.

As a result of the journal searching enhancement, EJS end users no longer need to include leading articles ('a', 'and' or 'the') in their search entry. Journal titles that begin with one of these words will be listed in alphabetical order after dropping the 'a', 'and' or 'the' in the search results (example: The Journal of American Culture would appear as Journal of American Culture).