Product news...

Blackwell launches 3000 years of Digitised Journal Backfiles

Blackwell Publishing has announced the launch of its Journal Backfile Digitisation Program. All issues back to Volume 1, Issue 1 will be digitised for at least 500 journals over the next two- and- a- half years, comprising approximately 6.5 million pages by the time the program is complete.

The first 121 journals to be digitised are available to purchase now and one quarter of these already have their backfiles loaded on Blackwell Synergy. 51 of the journals now available cover social science and humanities subject areas, 37 cover medicine and health-care, and 33 are from science. The digitised backfiles for these initial 121 titles represent 2.5 million pages and almost 3000 years of content.

For more information about the digitised backfiles available now, and how to order, please go to http://wwww.blackwellpublishing.com/backfiles/ or contact your usual Blackwell journals account manager.

James Bennett and EBL title data goes live

James Bennett is proud to announce the integration of over 20 000 Ebook Library (EBL) titles into the James Bennett online database (JBO).

EBL is an internet service that gives university students and library patrons full access to thousands of books via their library's web interface. Ebooks Corporation developed EBL in collaboration with leading academic publishers and libraries in Australia, the US, the UK and Europe.

EBL utilises a patented system called 'non-linear lending', which means that the same book can be read online simultaneously by a multitude of students. In a world first, libraries can also rent a book from EBL, rather than buying it outright. Librarians can also assemble collections of chapters from different ebooks and bundle them into an online 'e-pack'.

News from Maxus

Maxus assists educational collaboration

Australia's education and training community now have access to a considerably wider range of content thanks to recent technical linkages between EdNA Online and Maxus client ACER (the Australian Council for Educational Research).

Using an XML interface supplied by Maxus, ACER's EdResearch Online is now available through EdNA Online's existing suite of information repositories. EdResearch Online is a respected research database of online articles from over 130 leading education journals, stored in an Inmagic DB/TextWorks database.

Further information on EdNA Online is available from http://www.edna.edu.au.

Release of Inmagic Genie version 2.1

Maxus has announced the release of version 2.1 of Inmagic *Genie*, Inmagic's flagship web-based library management system. Based on thorough consultation with existing customers, Inmagic has added significant new features and functionality. *Genie* 2.1 retains the excellent designs of version 2.0 and adds improved workflows and more comprehensive customisation capabilities, to ensure that it meets the specific requirements of individual special libraries.

Launch of Inmagic Genie Express

Maxus has also announced the launch of a new product called *Genie* Express, for organisations that need to get their catalogue onto the web without all of the library management functions found in the full version of *Genie*. *Genie* Express is a Web-based solution designed to provide online access to a single database, catalogue or archive, quickly and without requiring IT support. *Genie* Express supports the management and publishing of both traditional and non-traditional items such as documents, news, URLs, images and books.

Maxus is the sole distributor of Inmagic *Genie* and *Genie* Express in Australia

SwetsWise 4.2 with RSS

Swets Information Services has successfully released the 4.2 version of SwetsWise, their web-based, modular service for the procurement, access and management of subscriptions and online information. As well as a number of technical improvements and new functionalities the 4.2 release is notable for the inclusion of RSS Feeds to SwetsWise Online Content.

The RSS feeds available will provide Table Of Contents (TOC), general news related to SwetsWise and System Warning information. The RSS Feeds will provide SwetsWise customers with a simple, direct and efficient tool for obtaining the latest news and information about the journals and articles they have subscribed to via SwetsWise. By activating the RSS Feeds the customer will receive instant notification of any updates, including TOC reports and new article or issue availability to all of their electronic subscription holdings. By bringing the latest information to the end-user's desktop at the very moment the update is made available, these feeds will not only inform the customer of any changes but will also provide a highly useful and valuable tool for the day to day management, usage and research value of their subscriptions.

Integrated Information Solution now displays Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPC)

Thomson Scientific has announced that Thomson Pharma will now display comprehensive Supplementary Protection Certificate (SPC) expiration dates. Considered the European equivalent of Hatch Waxman – the US law

that allows patent extensions to compensate for time lost while a patented drug gains regulatory approval – SPCs act as a supplement to the patent's protection by coming into force at the expiration date of the drug's patent. Thus, SPCs give the drug owner exclusive rights to market the drug for an additional period.

Formed by a regulation in nine European Union countries and now enacted in 25 European countries (with similar national legislation in Switzerland), an SPC lasts for up to a maximum of five years and was designed to provide up to a maximum of 15 years monopoly on marketed drugs. The SPC is not an automatic right and has to be applied for by the patent owner in each country once a drug has gained marketing authorisation valid in the relevant country, and the drug's patent is granted.

Thomson Scientific announces sponsorship with China's State Intellectual Property Office

Thomson Scientific has announced it has secured an exclusive sponsorship deal with China's State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) to sponsor the SIPO China Intellectual Property News (CIPN) Public Intellectual Property Contest – known as the Thomson Scientific Cup China Public Intellectual Property Knowledge Contest.

In keeping with Thomson's vision of supporting global innovation, Thomson Scientific has become the first company to sponsor the Contest, which launched in 2005 with the aim of improving public awareness of Intellectual Property (IP) rights and, in line with the Chinese Government's 11th Five-Year Plan, enhancing the ability of innovation for Chinese enterprises.

Thomson Scientific has worked closely with SIPO's CIPN to develop the Contest and to gauge professional and academic understanding of IP issues. Launched to mark World Intellectual Property Day 2006 (26 April), this knowledge Contest asks questions on subjects including piracy restrictions, the date China joined the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the time limit for protection of an invention patent, and trademarks that are not protected by China's trademark act. The Contest will run until July 2006, with the results providing an insight into how Chinese organisations currently view and utilise IP.

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Janium Technology selects MuseSearch to expand power of library technology services

MuseGlobal Inc and Janium Technology have announced the selection of the MuseSearch solution for implementation as part of its integrated library system solutions. Janium Technology customers will benefit from Muse solutions being fully integrated within its suite of library technology solutions. MuseSearch intelligence will allow Janium Technology customers using its Janium, Cognos, Librarian and Enki systems to take advantage of cross-resource searching with a single sign-on, and each user has the option of customising the interface and range of searching.

MuseSearch technology is currently being used by many of the world's most important and largest content providers, as well as with 9 ILS vendors. Part of the MuseSearch service is full access to an expansive directory of database and target system connections that are continuously monitored and maintained to ensure consistent, successful retrieval. When providers update their sources, MuseGlobal ensures that content delivery is maintained and supported, guaranteeing availability 24/7. ∎