Product news...

What's new at Endeavor

Endeavor Information Systems has announced the availability of the LinkFinderPlus OpenURL-enabled link resolver via a hosted Subscription Service. Unveiled at the IFLA Annual Conference in Berlin, the LinkFinderPlus Subscription Service affords academic and research libraries of all sizes the ability to quickly, easily and inexpensively provide OpenURL-enabled linking without the need for any technical knowledge or maintenance.

Available through Elsevier or Endeavor, the LinkFinderPlus Subscription Service is an advanced linking system that bridges the gap between citations and the online full-text of articles, providing maximum usage of the library's electronic journal subscriptions.

Endeavor Information Systems has relocated to 1350 E Touhy Ave, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018. The move provides Endeavour with more space for growth and increased capabilities in services for more than 1100 academic and research libraries around the world.

Current customers already benefit from the relocation through an optimised telephone system for Endeavor's Library and Technical Support Departments. Endeavor's new Customer Support system allows critical needs to be directly connected to a high-priority response centre. Customers can now efficiently reach the Endeavor Support Analyst who can best address the customer's product-specific question.

Endeavor's telephone, fax and international numbers remain unchanged.

Libraries get their say in defining Blackwell Publishing policy

Blackwell Publishing is pleased to announce the formation of its first Library Advisory Board. Drawn from across the international library community, members of the board will be charged with providing input and advice on Blackwell's product development plans, publishing policies, and library sales and marketing strategies of the future.

The inaugural meeting of the Library Advisory Board took place during the IFLA conference in Berlin. The agenda included discussions related to short-term plans and longer-term trends in journal pricing and purchasing models, and the place of online resources in the 21st century library. The Library Advisory Board will meet twice a year and members of the Board will serve for two years initially.

DB/Text WebPublisher PRO version 7

Version 7 of *WebPublisher PRO*, the interactive web interface to the popular Inmagic DB/Text range has been released.

WebPublisher PRO version 7 contains all of the features for which Inmagic's products have long been renowned: ease of use, powerful and fast searching, flexibility and scalability.

Now it also boasts an excellent web design capability. You can create your own internet/intranet query screens and reports without knowing anything about HTML coding. Using a simple Windows designer, you set up fonts, colours, positioning, links and all those other things that make up a great-looking web page, and let *WebPublisher PRO* do the rest.

Current users of DB/TextWorks can readily move their content to the web using *WebPublisher PRO*.

WebPublisher PRO version 7 is available from Maxus, contact Andrew Pentecost (andrew.pentecost@maxus.net.au) or call 03 9646 1988 or fax 03 9646 3611 (see the advertisement on p33 of this issue) and Trimagic Software, phone 02 9880 8666 http://www.trimagic.com.au (see the advertisement on p29 of this issue).

New from Softlink: Softlink Oliver...

Based on the successful corporate product (Softlink Liberty3), Softlink Oliver is designed for school libraries with a 'Google-like' search engine with full-text searching, has all functions available through a web browser (including management functions), and enables your library resources to be available twenty-four hours a day.

For more information, please contact Softlink on 1800 777 037 or sales@softlink.com.au.

Trimagic Profiler

Trimagic Software is happy to announce their latest development. No matter what size is your organisation, or whether you are an information user or manager, Trimagic Profiler will help you solve the 'infoglut'.

3367 1471, mail@orgaus.com.au, http://conferences.alia.org.au/libtec2003/

28–31/10 IFLA Interlending and document supply international conference: *breaking barriers: reaching users in a digital world*. National Library Canberra, Australia. For more information see http://www.nla.gov.au/ilds/index.html Inquiries at: ildsconference@nla.gov.au

• **5/12 ALIA New Librarians Symposium 1.5**. Carlton Crest Hotel, Brisbane. Contact: Robyn Gattera, ph 07 3403 2592, twq@brisbane.qld.gov.au. Further details: http://conferences.alia.org.au/newlibrarian2003/

• **21–24/9/2004 ALIA 2004 Biennial Conference**. *Challenging ideas*. Gold Coast Convention Centre. Conference secretariat, aiia2004@alia.org.au

• **12/2004 New Librarians' Symposium**. Adelaide.

• **6–9/9/2005 National Library Technicians Conference**. Sydney.

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22–26/9/2003 LIASA Sixth Annual Conference. *Tsoga o itirele: Libraries as agents of change*. Rustenburg, South Africa. Contact: Naomi Haasbroek, naomi@tlabs.ac.za

7–10/10 The Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA) Conference 2003. *'Oceans of Opportunity: Whakawhitihia te Moana'*. Napier Municipal Theatre, 119 Tennyson Street, Napier, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand. Conference secretariat: Conferences and Events Ltd, PO Box 1254, Nelson, New Zealand, ph 03 546 6022, fx 03 546 6020, lianza@confer.co.nz, http://www.confer.co.nz/lianza2003/

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Trimagic Profiler uses state-of-the-art technologies to send automatic e-mail alerts to individuals or work groups within an organisation. It saves hours of time and ensures that users have the information that they require, when they require it.

So if you are struggling with 'infoglut' or simply wanting to make the most of your current solution call Trimagic for a demonstration on 02 9880 8666

For more information see http://www.trimagic.com.au.

VDX — the LIDDAS vision

The latest release of Fretwell-Downing Informatics' VDX ILL and Document Delivery Management software makes the AVCC LIDDAS vision a reality.

The benefits of resource sharing are maximised, and requests filled in the most timely and cost-effective manner. Requests are sent directly, or via the NLA KDD VDX Payment Gateway, to libraries and commercial suppliers. Libraries elect to partially- or fully-automate the entire ILL/DD process.

Improved services and reduced administrative overheads are achieved via 24–hour end-user access to requesting, desktop document deliveries, and monitoring the status of requests.

For further information contact fdi.anz@fdgroup.com.

Elsevier Reference Works on ScienceDirect

Between 2003 and 2005, ScienceDirect will offer an expanding range of Reference Works online from both Elsevier and Academic Press. Reference Works provide a key starting point for researchers, who can utilise the extensive cross-referencing and linking within a reference work itself, and also to bibliographic databases and 3.5 million journal articles on ScienceDirect over 120 other publishers' platforms via CrossRef.

Coming your way in September 2003: *Encyclopedia of Materials: Science and Technology*; *Comprehensive Composite Materials*; *Encyclopedia of Cancer*, 2nd Edition; *Encyclopedia of the Human Brain*; and *Encyclopedia of Psychotherapy*.

For more details, contact your Account Manager or e-mail asiainfo@elsevier.com.

EMBASE.com tracks latest published literature on Monkeypox

Monkeypox is a rare viral disease usually found in the rainforests of central and west Africa. Monkeypox appeared in several United States residents in early June 2003, and is thought to have been transmitted to humans by pet prairie dogs. EMBASE.com [http://www.embase.com], the web-based drug and biomedical bibliographic database produced by Elsevier [http://www.elsevier.com], already contains a substantial collection of references to the world's Monkeypox literature, helping to disseminate reliable, refereed information about its cause, transmission and treatment.

Dynix joins the Oracle PartnerNetwork

Dynix recently announced that it has joined forces with Oracle to expand the database options available to users of the Horizon Information Management System.

By joining the Oracle PartnerNetwork, Dynix is announcing plans to make Horizon fully-compatible with the Oracle9*i* Database. At the same time, Dynix has announced that it will offer complete support for Oracle 9*i* in the next major release of Horizon, which is planned for 2004. Horizon customers will have the option to choose the SQL database that best fits their needs, whether Microsoft SQL Server, Oracle 9*i* or other Dynix supported SQL databases.

Dynix announces Horizon Digital Library 1.1

Dynix has announced the upcoming release Horizon Digital Library 1.1, an enhancement to the company's comprehensive digital library solution. The release will provide users with multiple new features, including additional language support. The product, which will be in general release by the end of 2003, will enable cross-language searching in English, German, French, Spanish, Dutch, and Italian.

Other enhancements include multiple-image support for archived documents, hierarchical browsing, significant enhancements to the Digital Library Web Editor feature, and the functionality for basic reporting and statistics has also been improved.

Dynix launches technology development partnership with Blackboard

Dynix has announced today a partnership with Blackboard Inc. that will integrate Blackboard's leading e-Education solutions with Horizon Information Portal, Horizon Digital Library, and the Horizon Information Management System through Blackboard's Building Blocks technology. The partnership will enable academic libraries whose parent institutions use the Blackboard Learning System and Blackboard Portal System to fully integrate their library resources into the e-Education environment.

The integration between Blackboard and Horizon will provide faculty with additional functionality to incorporate library resources in the process of creating online courses and providing course content. They will be able to set up books on reserve with Horizon for each course they are teaching through the Blackboard Learning System. Faculty will also be able to provide students enrolled in Blackboard-based courses with assigned journal articles and predefined and saved searches in Horizon Information Portal.

Future stages of the integration will provide e-Commerce tools that allow students to pay fines and fees and complete other online transactions related to the library and the academic institution. Initial developments of the joint technology will be available to shared customers by the end of 2003. ∎