HighWire Press has made two key strategic staff additions. Joining the team are **Dominic Mitchell**, who will establish HighWire’s first fulltime European presence in his role as **UK-based Journal Manager**. **Dominic** is based in London and will help to expand local publisher support from within the European time zone. For the past eight years, **Dom** has been the online development manager with the **BMJ Publishing Group**, dealing directly with HighWire as technical liaison for their collection of 26 online journals. **Xenia Pronas Siller**, **HighWire**’s newest Technical Manager, will be a vital part of HighWire’s expansion of products and services. **HighWire** is already building on the flexible new **H2O** platform to create new product lines as well as publisher toolkits. **Xenia** will be participating in a variety of initiatives related to this growth. Prior to joining **HighWire**, **Xenia Siller** worked for **Atypon Systems** for eight years in program management, client services, and software development. **Xenia’s** extensive experience in electronic hosting technologies as well as her outstanding success working with scholarly publishers makes her the ideal candidate to lead **HighWire**’s new initiatives. **HighWire**’s newest technical publishing platform, **H2O**, debuted in March 2008 with the public beta release of the new **Proceedings of the National Academy Website** (beta.pnas.org). With the expertise of their current and new highly experienced e-publishing experts staff, **HighWire** will be expanding its books and other non-journal content systems to facilitate the hosting of **HighWire**’s publishers’ collections on a larger scale.

**SPARC**, in partnership with **SPARC Europe** and **SPARC Japan/National Institute of Informatics** will hold the **SPARC Digital Repositories Meeting 2008**, November 17-18, 2008 at the Renaissance Harborsplace Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland. Coming on the heels of two ground-breaking developments – a recent vote by Harvard’s **Faculty of Arts and Sciences** enabling the university to offer access to their articles in an **institutional repository** and implementation of a new **National Institutes of Health public access policy** – the meeting will enable stakeholders to explore next steps for the burgeoning open archiving movement. Members of the 2008 Program Committee include: **Jun Adachi** (SPARC Japan), **Raym Crow** (SPARC), **Richard Fyffe** (Grinnell College), **Susan Gibbons** (University of Rochester), **Melissa Hagemann** (Open Society Institute), **Karla Hahn** (Association of Research Libraries), **Bill Hubbard** (SHERPA), **Rick Johnson** (SPARC), **Michelle Kimpton** (DSpace).