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Webworthy has reviewed 320 Websites to date! Are you reading this intro? If so, we’d like to know if you find this column useful! Email the editor at <pmrose@buffalo.edu> with your comments and any suggestions for improvement!

Websites are chosen for uniqueness, depth of information, functionality and ease of access. Sites are organized by broad subject area and are visited just prior to publication. Please let the editor know of any broken links, comments and suggestions welcome to Pamela M. Rose, Health Sciences Library, University at Buffalo, 3435 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14214-3002; 716-829-3900 x129; <pmrose@buffalo.edu>. Unless otherwise noted, Internet sites were also reviewed in Science’s NetWatch column. — PR

Biology

The Vertebrate Circulatorium is not where you catch the latest Freddie horror flick! It is just one of the interactive learning modules at BioInteractive, an online teaching trove from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, where users can compare the circulatory patterns of different vertebrates. Find out how many hearts are needed by a bagfish (an eel-like remnant of jawless vertebrates) and why blood just squishes freely through its tissues; or marvel at the lungfish, which uses both lungs and gills to oxygenate its blood. Follow the Y chromosome’s evolution (requires Quicktime 6.5), or enter the Transgenic Fly Lab and learn how they insert experimental DNA to make transgenic flies. — http://www.biointeractive.org/

Reference

The Almanac of Policy Issues is the place to go for unbiased, comprehensive information about a variety of US public policy issues. Because the site is “an independent public service not affiliated with any particular cause or issue,” differing viewpoints on an issue are presented. The almanac contains essays, articles, and Internet directories and links about public policies on such topics as Criminal Justice, Education, the Environment, and Social Welfare. Each chapter is divided into smaller sections with their own lists of sources. Many of the essays and articles are written by government agencies. The site has a search function which triggers a Google search for Almanac articles about the search term. A search for “pollution” yielded twenty-two results ranging in topic from ozone, to acid rain, to the Clean Air Act. This site is a great source for background information about virtually any US public policy issue. (Hendy E Wood, Virginia College at Austin) — http://www.publicpolicyalmanac.org/

Have a tricky research question and need help from colleagues? Try checking on Freeprint, a UK based resource that offers a free newsletter, a central “bar” for posting questions, a student “bar” for information and chats, financial information for registered UK companies, book information, and other resources. Sign up for their free bimonthly newsletter, or just drop in from time to time to check the archives. Although UK based, articles relevant to our side of the pond can prove useful. — http://www.freepint.com/

Rumors

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Posted in Open Access News by Peter Saber on Tuesday 16 March 2004 — http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/2004_03_J4_fosbiograph.html#ia1079445359802027876 — “The PLoS co-founders, Pat Brown, Mike Eisen, and [Nobel Laureate] Harold Varmus, were nominated for Wired Rave Awards in February and named as winners last night. Wired Magazine promises full coverage in its April issue. Congratulations to Pat, Mike, and Harold!”

www.plas.org/

www.wired.com

www.raveawards.com/nominees.html

biz.yahoo.com/prnews/040315/nyin141a_1.html

The quietly effective Vickv Speck (Editorial Director, Serials at ABC-CLIO) sends word that ABC-CLIO now links its abstracting and indexing databases, Historical Abstracts and America: History and Life, to online journals from Oxford University Press (OUP). ABC-CLIO already links with JSTOR, Project Muse, History Cooperative, and H-Net as well as a number of free online journals.

www.abc-clio.com

Thomson Learning, a division of The Thomson Corporation (NYSE: TOC; TSX: TOC), has announced that Gordon T. Macomber has joined Thomson Gale as president. Mr. Macomber will report to Ronald Dunn, president and chief executive officer of Thomson Learning Academic & International Group. Most recently, Mr. Macomber served as chief executive officer of Merriam-Webster, Inc., a subsidiary of Encyclopedia Britannica. Prior to that, he was President and CEO for NYUonline, a subsidiary of New York University, where he was responsible for the start-up of an organization designed to compete in the corporate e-learning marketplace. Mr. Macomber held various positions with Simon & Schuster between 1992 and 1999, including President of Macmillan Reference USA and executive positions with Macmillan Computer Publishing. He is a graduate of Colgate University with a BA in Economics. www.galegroup.com/

NAFIS, the premier membership organization for groups that aggregate, organize and facilitate access to information, has announced its new governance for the coming year. Linda Sacks, Senior Vice President, Thomson Scientific is the incoming President, and Marjorie M. K. Hlava, President of Access Innovations, Inc. will continue to serve on the Board of Directors in the capacity of Immediate Past-President. Newly-elected members of the Board include: Barbara Bauldock, Biological Informatics Program Coordinator, US Geological Survey and John J. Regazzi, Managing Director, Market Development, Elsevier. In addition, two Bcadt members were re-elected to serve a second term: Linda Beebe, Senior Director, American Psychological Association/PsyclINFO and Matt Dunie, President, CSA (Cambridge Scientific Abstracts). NFAIS Executive Director, Bonnie Lawlor, announced that the association’s membership has chosen current Board member Lucian Parziale, Vice President, Information Systems, The H. W. Wilson Company, as President-Elect 2004. www.nafis.org/

Just back from the Sixth Fiesole Retreat at The European University Institute (EUI) in Fiesole, Italy, hosted by Casalini Libri http://www.casalini.it/! What a fantastic meeting of international professionals! Watch for Anthony Watkinson’s report in the June ATG. And, visit The Fiesole Collection Development Retreat Series Website at http://digital.casalini.it/retreat/

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