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Have You Heard?

Have you heard about **Subscribe96**, the new subscription procurement system available from **RoweCom, Inc.**? This Internet-based network uses secure technology linking libraries and publishers to transmit orders, claims, renewals and payments. With business partner, **Bank One**, **Subscribe96** is designed to provide real-time, online transactions without the use of an agent as middleman. Benefits of the system are anticipated to be: ease of use, improved control, faster response, more effective claims, and lower costs. Intuitive network service, comprehensive catalog, unlimited shipto's and fund accounts and secure payments are also listed as features of the service. Presently being tested in about 12 academic and corporate libraries, **Subscribe96** will be demonstrated in a **Simulation Room** at the **1995 Charleston Conference**. Additionally, **Richard Rowe**, President and CEO of **RoweCom**, developer of **Subscribe96**, will highlight the Conference's Thursday **Automation Lively Lunch**. He will discuss the implications of automation on disintermediation and how his concept applies to our libraries today. More information on this agent-less system will follow in future **Doc Aquis** columns. For more information today, contact **RoweCom** at (800) 769-3266 or on the Web at <http://www.rowe.com>.

Since our last issue, **The Faxon Company** has announced the creation of Client Advisory Boards to provide key links between Faxon and its markets. The boards represent academic, medical, corporate, and federal clients. The mission of each board is to: generate client feedback on company issues, services and quality; provide perspectives on industry issues and trends; contribute perspective to company strategy and direction; provide a client-side audit function for company activities.

Faxon now offers clients the option to pay invoices through electronic funds transfer (EFT). EFT, the electronic transfer of value between banks, provides the potential for increased speed, accuracy, and cost reduction in the exchange and processing of financial data. **IBM** and **DuPont** are among the first Faxon clients to take advantage of this EFT payment option.

Faxon also announced a File Transfer Protocol (FTP) facility to allow for the

electronic exchange of subscription data over the Internet. Through this facility, clients may exchange standard and non-standard data formats with Faxon. Claims, invoices and claims responses are the kinds of documents that will generally be exchanged using the FTP facility. For more information on the FTP service contact Faxon at ftp@faxon.com or contact your client service representative.

EBSCO Subscription Services announces that **EBSCODoc**, EBSCO's document delivery division, has developed a new customized current awareness service called **EBSCODoc ALERT!** This service provides weekly updates of recently published information using table of contents information to notify subscribers of articles in their field. Copies of articles cited are then available for delivery via **EBSCODoc**. **EBSCODoc ALERT!** monitors more than 25,000 publications, weighted toward the scientific, technical and medical fields.

EBSCO also announced that it is now offering an **ADONIS** alternative. Small volume **ADONIS** users will find the new **Article-based ADONIS Subscription** to be cost-effective. There is no subscription cost — libraries pay only for articles ordered. More info is available at www.ebscodoc.com or call (415)259-5000.

From **EBSCO Publishing** comes this news item: **MasterFILE FullTEXT 350** is now available through **Innovative Interfaces' INN-View** online service. This is the first full-text database available through **Innovative Interfaces** and can be accessed by any **INNOPAC** user system with an Internet connection. **MasterFILE 350** contains indexing and abstracting coverage for 2,300 general reference and research titles from 1984 to the present, as well as full text for 350 titles with coverage from 1990 to date.

News from **OCLC** includes an announcement that the **OCLC PRISM** service has become available 24 hours a day, 5 days a week, beginning August 3. Round-the-clock availability is scheduled for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday with 23 hours on Thursday and 14 hours on Sunday.

In late August, **OCLC** introduced real time transfer of **FirstSearch ILL** records to **PRISM**. As soon as the requester sends the order, it is now immediately sent to the requester's library **PRISM ILL Review** file; the orders will no longer be stored and transferred just once a day.

Also related to **PRISM ILL: Custom Holdings** is a new feature that is now available. By using this feature, libraries are able to customize a locations record by defining one or more sets of lending partners that will serve as online filters. Questions and answers on setting up custom holdings are available via the **OCLC PRISM "News" command** and also in **OCLC's Technical Bulletin**, no. 208.

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Also from OCLC is word that their new **OCLC WebZ Server** allows World Wide Web users to query Z39.50 databases using the same Web browsers they use to view other Internet resources. **WebZ** is an enhanced HTTP server from the **SiteSearch** family of products. WWW browsers, like **NCSA Mosaic** and **NetScape**, can query Z39.50 databases with the full details of the users' sessions being retained.

New developments from systems vendors include: **Ameritech's** Window's based publishing tool for the Internet, **NetPublisher**, has been named Editor's Choice by **PC Magazine**. **NetPublisher** can be used to deliver all types of information including text, image, audio, video and multimedia on the local network or via the Internet. Patrons can easily access these files by using a World Wide Web client (such as **NetScape**), **Gopher** or **Z39.50** client. **Southern Methodist University (SMU)** staff are using **NetPublisher** to incorporate photographs and artistic images along with material from **Filemaker Pro** databases, text files and extracts from **MARC** records in their **NOTIS LMS** system. WWW users can access a demo of **NetPublisher** via: <http://netpub.notis.com>.

SIRSI Corp. tells us that **Unicorn/STILAS Version 7.1** has been released. Version 7.1 introduces graphical user interfaces (GUI) for Microsoft, Windows, Macintosh, and the World Wide Web. Features were upgraded for the **OPAC Manager**, online record review, diacritics, bound-with cataloging, **USMARC** holdings, new search options, **National Library of Medicine MeSH** Thesaurus, and sorting.

Data Trek, Inc. introduced **NetPAC**, an easy-to-use, Z39.50 client interface for access to any Z39.50 compliant database made available over the Internet. **NetPAC** allows users to search, retrieve and view data online or off-line. The user-friendly, point-and-click graphical interface of **NetPAC** allows patrons to use both easy and advanced search-term construction.

Information Access Company announced a major expansion of the **InfoTrac 2000** database licensing program with **InfoTrac SearchBank**. This service incorporates popular reference databases from leading electronic publishers along with the entire family of **InfoTrac** databases into one network-accessible source. In addition to offering a full range of databases, **InfoTrac SearchBank** features full service document delivery, a common user interface across all databases, Z39.50 compatibility, and 24-hour access.

ISI (Institute for Scientific Information) and **Lexmark International** announced a cooperative arrangement in the development of **ISI's Electronic Library Project**. In support of this project, **Lexmark** will make available an **Optra L Laser** printer at each pilot site for the duration of this innovative project. **ISI's Electronic Library Project** was announced in August 1994; initial testing of the prototype began August 1995. This project will provide direct desktop access of tables of contents, bibliographic data, and abstracts for approximately 1,330 scholarly journals, with the addition of the full images of those journals for which publishers have agreed to allow electronic storage and delivery. High quality printing is imperative when dealing with the level of detail in the illustrations, graphs and halftones that are part of this literature. As part of this project, **IBM Global Network** will provide dedicated T1 lines between the six North American pilot sites and ISI's central server for the delivery of data. **IBM Global Network** is exploring the technical options for the installation of dedicated lines for ISI's two **European Pilot Sites**. 



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