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We thought it was time to once again send some "Have You Heard"s your way. We've received many announcements that we would like to share with you.

Have You Heard that ...

Lots of libraries seem to be purchasing new systems these days. The **University of California, Santa Barbara** has selected **DRA**; **Northwestern** and **Villanova** have signed with **Endeavor**; **San Francisco State University** and **California State University Long Beach** have joined the **CSULink Consortium** which uses **INNOPAC** "Inn-Reach" software from Innovative Interfaces, Inc.; **Rutgers University** and the **US Federal Courts** have selected **SIRSI's UNICORN** system; **Berkeley College** (New Jersey) and the **US Department of State FSI/Library** contracted for installation of **The Library Corporation's (TLC's) Library Solution**; the **Parliament of Catalonia** (Barcelona, Spain) **Library** and **The National Archives and Records Administration** have chosen **VTLS** systems.

In a related note, **CISTI** (Ottawa, Canada) North America's largest collection of scientific, technological and medical documents, has migrated to **INNOPAC Millennium** to provide a worldwide document delivery service.

Academic Press has announced plans to broaden its online delivery activity by partnering with the **OCLC FirstSearch Electronic Collections Online** service. The **Academic Press International Digital Electronic Access Library** has been making its 175 journals available in electronic form since January 1996 to many library consortia around the world. These journals will be combined with the **Electronic Collections Online** to offer users more than 1,100 electronic journals from 23 publishers.

We're all glad to know that **EBSCO Subscription Services** is well ahead of schedule on solving its version of the Year 2000 Problem! According to a September press release, **EBSCO's** core systems became compliant four weeks ahead of schedule, and the remainder of **EBSCO Industries** is scheduled to become Y2K compliant by May 1, 1998. The company examined more than 2 million lines of code and identified more than 3,000 programs containing thousands of lines of code that would be affected by Y2K.

Mississippi's library consortia, **Magnolia** (love that name!), has unanimously chosen **EBSCO's** online service **EBSCOhost** to provide the state's public libraries, school, college and universities with online access to a com-

prehensive collection of reference databases consisting of periodicals and other published information.

We can't wait to see **EBSCO's** upcoming subscription management service. **EBSCO Online!** **EBSCO** promises "simplified management of online journals" and "convenient access for library patrons." They advise us to keep watching their Web site <http://www.ebsco.com/bropage1.asp> for the release date.

SIRSI Corporation (Unicorn and **STILAS** systems) and **EBSCO** have collaborated to create an X12 claiming interface, which allows libraries to claim journal issues by sending a file to **EBSCO** via Internet file transfer protocol (FTP). The interface will allow Unicorn and **STILAS** users to batch transmit claims using new software from **SIRSI**. The interface is written in the **SISAC**-approved X12 format for claims, and neither **EDI** translation software nor a value-added network is necessary for the process.

In September, **Follett Software Company** announced the development of its first Web **OPAC** software, **WebCollection Plus**, with a target release date of January 1998. **Follett** says that the product will offer some features that aren't available in similar products, such as an events viewing capability.

For users of its **Corporate DeskTop Library™**, **Collectanea** has announced the launching of a more powerful and expanded version, Version 3.1, which offers corporate end-users expanded content and new capabilities. These new features include profiling tools, a "relation builder" and two alternate methods of conducting article searches. Approximately 300 abstracted titles have been added to the **Articles** database, which brings that total to nearly 4,000 sources. For more information, visit the **Collectanea** Web site at <http://www.collectanea.com>.

In November **The Institute for Scientific Information (ISI)** announced the formation of **ISI Alerting Services**, which will deliver profile-based and table-of-contents alerting services to your desktop. The **ISI Alerting Services** includes **Journal Tracker®**, **Corporate Alert®**, and **Personal Alert®**. For more information, visit the **ISI** Web site at <http://www.insinet.com>.

In December, **ISI** announced linking partnerships with several publishers. The links will allow joint subscribers to link bibliographic information from **ISI's Web of Science** with publishers' fulltext content. Publishers include **Springer-Verlag**, **American Institute of Physics (AIP)**, and **Stockton Press**. **ISI** and **Springer-**

Verlag will also explore use of the **Digital Object Identifier (DOI)**, a unique identification for specific units of digital content such as journal articles, book chapters, etc.

Sirsi Corporation has announced that the **Unicorn Library Management System's** next major release, "Unicorn98", is scheduled for February 1998. The new release will incorporate **WorkFlows**, a new Windows95/NT-based interface that enables librarians to perform complex library tasks quickly and efficiently. **WorkFlows** uses icons to guide users graphically through each library task and provides "wizards" to combine steps and lead users to the fastest completion of each process. **SIRSI** developed **WorkFlows** over the past two years in collaboration with **Stanford University** and **Carnegie Mellon University** libraries.

The Library Corporation (TLC) announced in August that it was the first company to deliver a full, working set of version 2 **ISO/ILL** protocol messages for interlibrary loan. **TLC** communicated an **ILL Request** to **The National Library of Canada** in Ottawa using version 2 of the international **ISO 10161** message. Both messages were relayed by the **Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI)** using **TLC's Library Request** software.

In December **UMI** introduced color to its online information system, **ProQuest Direct**. Color fulltext and graphics are initially available for a select number of journals, including *Science*, *The New England Journal of Medicine*, *The Lancet*, and *Brain*. More titles will be added in 1998. The initial titles were selected to support the introduction of **UMI's** medical database, **ProQuest Medical Library**. **ProQuest Direct 1.6** offers other new features including advanced search options, new navigation buttons, and the ability to e-mail retrieved articles.

More from **UMI** ... They've reached an agreement with the **National Library of Canada** giving **UMI** rights to publish print and microform editions of doctoral dissertations and masters theses written at universities throughout Canada. The agreement gives **UMI** potential rights to publish electronic editions as well. Good news for the researchers!

Medical libraries will be interested to hear that **WLN** now offers **collection analysis** using **NLM** classification. A group of medical librarians in the **Seattle/Pacific Northwest** area has prepared an enhancement to **WLN's Conspetus** software, producing the first collection analysis tool specifically for medical libraries using the **conspetus** methodology.