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Have You Heard?

Ameritech Library Services has announced their current progress on the new Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery System (ILL/DD). The scope of this project includes re-engineering the ILL/DD process, and developing technology to make the process less labor-intensive and more responsive to your patrons. The ILL System is a comprehensive, standalone ILL management solution that delivers information from outside providers to patrons in a timely and cost-effective way. The first release of the product is scheduled for the fourth quarter of 1996. Librarians can manage all of their library's ILL activity on one database with the ILL System. The software automates the borrowing and lending activity within a library by providing linkage to local systems, remote library catalogs, messaging utilities, and commercial document suppliers using a seamless interface. Also, the architecture allows librarians to configure the system to uniquely fit each facility's requirements. The system accepts patron-initiated requests from a variety of search tools and sources, and allows libraries using a different ILL system to communicate regardless of the ILL software or hardware used. The system provides ease-of-use for library staff by utilizing a Windows 95 workstation. Sources from which patrons can initiate requests include the following: WebPAC and other locally developed World Wide Web forms, Horizon, LMS, Dynix, OCLC ILL, Docline, WLIN, RLIN, and standard Internet email. The ILL System saves staff's time by providing tools that allow patrons to track their own requests without requiring staff assistance. Patrons can identify their own specific requirements for requests such as the date an item is needed, how to notify the patron when the item is available, and in what format to deliver the information. The ILL System reduces the library's costs of filling an ILL request by allowing the system to select the most cost-effective provider to fill requests. Reports for tracking and usage statistics assist librarians in making purchase acquisitions and support funding decisions. As well, paper files can be eliminated by using the relational database for requests and statistics. Requests can be transmitted to a lending partner in the format required by that lending institution. The system is flexible, supports many different electronic transmission formats and is expandable to include custom interfaces to support any format that is required by lending partners. The ILL System requires a Windows 95 or Windows NT version 3.51 or above. Hardware requirements include the following: Intel 486 or above processor, 8Mb RAM, 200 meg. fixed disk, network interface card, VGA color monitor and adapter.

Ameritech Library Services has also announced the release of NetConnect 2.0, its integrated hardware and software package for libraries that want to introduce Internet access to patrons. NetConnect combines the leading-edge technologies of Ameritech Library Services and Sun Microsystems Computer Company. NetConnect allows libraries to add Internet services not only to PCs, but also to existing character-cell terminals. Patrons will instantly have access to Internet services such as the World Wide Web (WWW) and email. Librarians can also publish and design their own WWW pages with NetConnect. Security liability is reduced by allowing the database host to remain isolated from the load incurred by Internet server functions. Networked security software is contained within the system.

And this just in! Ameritech Library Services and RoweCom announced September 3 a joint marketing agreement for Subscribe97, an Internet-based library subscription service created by RoweCom. Under the agreement, both companies have developed software and a systems interface that enable users to link NOTIS, with Subscribe97 smoothly and with minimal effort. The University of Pittsburgh will be the first library to use the new NOTIS/Subscribe interface.

CAS and OCLC Online Computer Library Center announced plans to launch FirstSearch CA Student Edition, a new information product customized to serve the chemical information needs of undergraduate students. Expected to be available later in 1996, the new CAS information product will be accessible via OCLC's FirstSearch, an end-user online information service in use in more than 6,200 libraries worldwide. It will enable students throughout the world to access CAS information from the most commonly-held journals at academic libraries plus 200,000 dissertations. It will be offered to all FirstSearch sites at a low annual subscription rate and with a special rate for Chemical Abstracts (CA) subscribers. FirstSearch CA Student Edition content is based on core scientific journal holdings at universities, which were identified with the help of OCLC. These holdings amount to more than 200 titles, including American Chemical Society journals, that are covered by CA and are also readily available in the universities. Students will be able to access indexing information as well as bibliographic data and CA abstracts for more that 1.4 million CAS records dating back to 1967.
CAS expects the product to meet the research requirements of most undergraduate institutions.

In other news from the Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS), SciFinder Release 2.0, an easy-to-use research tool is now available to SciFinder customers worldwide. The new version introduces features permitting scientists to search for reactions, find commercial source information for chemical substances, order documents from CAS and much more. SciFinder can now execute a substructure search, which reviews more than 1.2 million single-step reactions from 1982 to the present. Chemical availability, prices and quantities for more than 370,000 products from a variety of North American and European suppliers' chemical catalogs are now available. Customers also have a direct link to the CAS Document Detective Service (DDS).

The Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) has announced that it will be providing a new, full-service document delivery service. ISI Document Solution will offer comprehensive "one-stop-shopping" library and extensive customer support to informa-

The Ohio Library & Information Network (OhioLINK) announced the first major implementation of a statewide license of SciSearch, Social SciSearch, and Arts & Humanities Search Citation Databases. OhioLINK users will be able to access the files via a World Wide Web browser interface designed by ISI. As a result, hundreds of thousands of librarians, information specialists, researchers, and students throughout Ohio's state universities will have access to complete bibliographic data, full-length author abstracts, and cited references from more than 8,000 science, social sciences, and arts and humanities journals and will be able to conduct cited reference searches across the combined database going back to 1992.

In response to needs expressed by its customers, SIRSI has announced a family of online Digital Archive Products that may be configured to fit a variety of system requirements. Conceived as a general purpose repository for information, the Digital Archive will hold electronic representations of information from paper, film, audio, video, and other media sources. The Digital Archive will support both the search and retrieval needs of the user, while simultaneously protecting the integrity of information entrusted to it. The Digital Archive can be implemented as a standalone system or a subsystem of SIRSI's UNICORN Collection Management System. As a standalone product, the Digital Archive offers a complete citation-based online media repository. Used as a subsystem, UNICORN's library automation and collection management facilities can be extended to include online access to digital information which is linked to the OPAC. A number of customer-configurable options will be available.

SwetScan, Swets' electronic table of contents service, is now accessible via the World Wide Web. SwetScan covers more than 13,000 key scholarly journals, giving up-to-the-minute details of the contents page information of key titles across a broad range of subjects and countries of publication. Searching options include journal titles, authors, article keywords, as well as combined possibilities. Both Netscape and Mosaic browsers can be used. Customers are able to access the full database, or selected individual titles, at a fixed annual subscription price. A guest login is available to allow prospective users to test the service. Go to the SwetScan Home Page on the Web for a trial: <http://www.swets.nl>.

News from Data Trek about their new Web Wide Web browsing tool, called WorldPAC. WorldPAC enables a library to place its online public access catalog on the Internet, allowing it to be searched by any graphical Web browser such as Netscape or Mosaic. WorldPAC wraps MARC records with an HTML (HyperText markup language) script and then creates the WorldPAC interface. No programming knowledge is required by the library staff; WorldPAC handles all of the HTML scripting automatically.

Professional Media Service Corp. (PMSC) and WLN have signed an agreement that will permit WLN to make PMSC's original media cataloging data available to libraries online and through CD-ROM products produced by WLN. PMSC is a leading wholesale distributor of audio-visual materials to libraries, providing cataloging for all material it distributes. As part of that effort, PMSC has originally cataloged over 150,000 items using AACR2 rules and LC subject and name authorities. It currently produces original cataloging for 2-3,000 items per month. All of these original cataloging records were available to WLN and its customers beginning August, 1996.

WLN has also announced that it has joined the Library of Congress, OCLC, RLIN and the British Library as an active participant in NACO, NACO is the Name Authority Cooperative Project of the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC). WLN's new status will enable WLN members to contribute new and change existing name, series and uniform title headings to the Library of Congress' master file using the WLN Online Input/Edit Subsystem.

EBSCO Subscription Services is pleased to announce that the EBSCONET Online Subscription Service now has a World Wide Web interface. The initial release allows customers to order subscriptions, claim issues, and search EBSCO's database of title listings and publisher information by title, publisher name, keyword, ISSN, or EBSO title number. The next release, due in the third quarter of this year, will allow customers to use the system in any of six languages: Spanish, Portuguese, German, French, English, or Italian. The final release, due by the end of the year, will include all functionality available when EBSCONET is accessed via direct connection or the Internet. EBSCONET on the Web will also provide electronic links to several integrated library system vendors, document delivery service and EBSCO's reference databases with indexing, abstracts and fulltext articles. Most importantly, customers who use EBSCONET to conduct subscription transactions electronically will receive full attention from the customer service staffs of EBSCO's offices worldwide. Customers need an account number and password to use EBSCONET on the Web. These can be secured from any EBSCO Regional Office.

And have you heard of these announcements from EBSCO Publishing? With the release of EBSCOHOST version 1.1 in July, access to EBSCOHOST data became possible for libraries using WinPAC from Ameritech Library Services and GeoPac from Geac Computers, Inc. EBSCOHOST is a 239.50-compliant client/server periodical fulltext and indexing access system which is now fully compatible with these clients. EBSCO Publishing has also announced a new, free service to librarians worldwide with the introduction of the Library Reference Center. The Library reference Center is a database consisting of indexing and abstracts from over 30 important library science publications accessible via EBSCO Publishing's homepage at <http://www.epnet.com>.

An increase in coverage of Primary Search, the first periodical database created specifically for the elementary school library has also been announced by EBSCO Publishing. Effective in October, 1996, Primary Search will include fulltext for 31 titles, indexing and abstracts for 115 titles and EBSCO's Encyclopedia of Animals.

A final note from EBSCO Publishing tells us that they and Innovative Interfaces Inc. have entered into an agreement whereby Innovative Interfaces will offer EBSCO Publishing's general reference, business and health periodical databases to INNOPAC customers via INN-View. The EBSCO databases will be the featured databases on INN-View, Innovative's host system, and can be easily accessed by patrons of the INNOPAC.