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## 2008 Theme — “The Best of Times ... The Worst of Times”

Wednesday, November 5, 2008 — Preconferences and Vendor Showcase  
Thursday-Saturday, November 6-8, 2008 — Main Conference  
Francis Marion Hotel & Embassy Suites Historic District, Charleston, SC

If you are interested in leading a discussion, acting as a moderator, coordinating a lively lunch, or would like to make sure we discuss a particular topic, please let us know. The **Charleston Conference** prides itself on creativity, innovation, flexibility, and informality. If there is something you are interested in doing, please try it out on us. We'll probably love it...

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### Rumors

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From Peter Suber's **Open Access News** (Fri., March 7, 2008) – **Jan Velterop** is leaving his position as **Open Access Director** at **Springer** to become the **CEO of KnewCo Inc.** **Velterop** is one of the most prominent figures of the open access community. He joined **Springer** in August 2005 from **BioMedCentral**, an established open access biomedical research publisher, where he was **Publishing Director**. **Springer** will continue to develop **Open Choice** and remains committed to growing the share of articles published using open access. **KnewCo** is the company behind the **OA WikiProfessional project**, which has already launched **WikiProteins**. From the **KnewCo mission page**, **KnewCo, mined to mind** – “**KnewCo** mined data would no longer be (only) text per se, but rather the first nuggets of embryonic knowledge, i.e., **Knowlets**, which is computer readable and is associated with the relevant experts as a stepping stone to new knowledge. Helicopter views on knowledge domains are an essential and long overdue element of the scientific process.”

[www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/2008/03/jan-velterop-leaves-springer-for-knewco.html](http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/2008/03/jan-velterop-leaves-springer-for-knewco.html)  
[www.knewco.com/mission.html](http://www.knewco.com/mission.html)

**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 Prionas 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** new electronic publishing platform, **H2O**, debuted in March 2008 with the public beta release of the new **Proceedings of the National Academy Website** ([beta.pnas.org](http://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.

[highwire.stanford.edu](http://highwire.stanford.edu)

**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 Harborplace Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland. Coming on the heels of two groundbreaking 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)

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