Decker Intellectual Properties signs licensing agreement with Scientific American to re-establish Scientific American Medicine database

Decker Intellectual Properties, Inc., has signed a licensing agreement with Scientific American to re-establish the comprehensive professional medical database, Scientific American Medicine (SAM). The subscription-based database, first published in 1981, now includes an enhanced medical offering through this agreement with Scientific American.

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Husson University Library improves access to resources with Serials Solutions’ 360 Link

Serials Solutions, a ProQuest business, has announced that Husson University is working with the company to improve usage of the W. Tom and Bonnie Sawyer Library's resources. In pursuit of a solution to increase the number of full-text downloads, the university selected the 360 Link OpenURL link resolver to offer their students quick and easy access to full-text resources in their collection.

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Wiley partners with Knodex to provide customised research expertise portals to learned societies and other academic organisations

Publisher John Wiley & Sons, Inc. has announced a new partnership with startup technology company Knodex to provide customised research expertise portals to learned societies and other academic organisations worldwide. Designed to foster innovation and collaboration, Knodex’s expertise profiling system compiles a “research signature” for users based on their publication history, patents, clinical trials and grants.

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Cengage Learning partners with Knewton to implement adaptive learning technology

Educational content, software and services company Cengage Learning has announced a partnership with adaptive learning company, Knewton. Through this agreement, Cengage Learning will implement Knewton’s application programming interface (API) into select higher education products to provide personalized learning pathways for students and predictive analytics for instructors.

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NEW RELEASE - JOURNALS / PRODUCTS / SERVICES

ProQuest unveils free version of cloud-based document management platform, Flow

Information resources and technologies provider ProQuest has announced that its collaboration and document management tool Flow™ is now accessible free for researchers - including those in institutions that don't subscribe to the service. Flow leverages a decade of experience with the RefWorks suite of tools, resulting in a unique service that manages researcher workflows while integrating document management and sharing with citation data.

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Alzheimer’s Research & Therapy journal invites papers for special series on Lewy body dementia

Journal Alzheimer’s Research & Therapy has announced that it is now accepting research submissions for consideration in a special series on Lewy body dementia (LBD), planned for publication in mid-2014. The publication of these articles will be co-ordinated with a series of commissioned reviews and opinions, guest edited by co-Series Editors Prof Ian McKeith (Newcastle University, UK) and Prof James Galvin (NYU, USA).
Elsevier unveils new generation SciVal

STM publisher Elsevier has announced the launch of the new generation SciVal. SciVal will allow research organisations to analyze the world of research, enabling them to establish, execute and evaluate their research strategies by revealing insights based on Scopus data. Users can benchmark their research performance accurately and meaningfully against any other institution or group of researchers in the world.

IOP Publishing and the American Astronomical Society launch Astronomy Image Explorer

IOP Publishing (IOP), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Institute of Physics, and the American Astronomical Society (AAS) have announced the launch of the Astronomy Image Explorer (AIE). The AIE has been designed as a convenient and efficient tool for researchers to find graphics that have appeared in the Astrophysical Journal and the Astronomical Journal, which IOP publishes for the AAS.

Journal of the American Society of Hypertension expands scope and publication frequency

The Journal of the American Society of Hypertension (JASH), the official journal of the American Society of Hypertension, Inc., has announced an increase in publication frequency. The journal is also broadening its editorial scope. As of January 2014, JASH's editorial scope will expand to include clinical research papers and clinical trials in hypertension.

Journal of Biological Research-Thessaloniki is now open for submissions

Journal of Biological Research-Thessaloniki has transferred to publishing with BioMed Central after being self published since 2004, and is now accepting submissions via the new website. All back content can be found in the archive. A peer-reviewed, open access, international journal, Journal of Biological Research-Thessaloniki publishes articles providing novel insights into the major fields of biology.

Stratecon Inc. launches Journal of Water

Stratecon Inc. has announced the launch of the Journal of Water (JOW) that provides analysis, research, commentary and news critical for managing water resources. JOW is an expert-driven information service devoted to water markets and policy in California, the Colorado River Basin and elsewhere in the West.
PUBLIC ACCESS

NISO seeks comments on the draft recommended practice Open Access Metadata and Indicators

The National Information Standards Organization (NISO) is seeking comments on the draft recommended practice Open Access Metadata and Indicators (NISO RP-22-201x). Launched in January 2013, the NISO Open Access Metadata and Indicators Working Group was chartered to develop protocols and mechanisms for transmitting the access status of scholarly works, specifically to indicate whether a specific work is openly accessible and what re-use rights might be available. More

JRC adopts OA policy for scientific articles from January 2014

The European Commission has announced unrestricted access to research results under Horizon 2020, the new EU funding programme to boost research and innovation, as of January 2014. In accordance with this new open access policy for scientific publications, JRC (Joint Research Centre) articles in peer-reviewed publications where JRC staff members are first or corresponding author will be freely and publicly available, making the majority of JRC scientific results accessible online. More

EVENTS AND CONFERENCES

Expanded SPIE Photonics West 2014 industry track offers more for technology commercialization entrepreneurs, startups, investors, executives

SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics, has announced that panel discussions on what startups need for success, promising technology commercialisation prospects, and insights on funding biophotonics ventures are among new elements of an expanded industry track at SPIE Photonics West 2014. The industry program and two major exhibitions are open to all conference attendees, exhibitors, and exhibition visitors at no charge. More

Registrations for 2014 NFAIS Annual Conference now open

The National Federation of Advanced Information Services (NFAIS) has announced that registrations are now being accepted for the 2014 NFAIS Annual Conference, Giving Voice to Content: Re-envisioning the Business of Information. The event is scheduled for February 23 - 25, 2014, at the Hyatt at the Bellevue in Philadelphia, PA. The conference program and registration information is available at: http://nfais.org/event?eventID=530. More
ARL and Ithaka S+R’s free web seminar to bring together leaders of seven of the eight cases profiled in the Searching for Sustainability report

The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) and Ithaka S+R are offering a free web seminar that will bring together leaders of seven of the eight cases profiled in the recently published study funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), Searching for Sustainability: Strategies from Eight Digitized Special Collections, to share lessons from their own experience in developing and supporting their digital resources. The event is scheduled for January 31, 2014, noon-1:15 p.m. eastern standard time.

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McGraw-Hill Education announces participation at 2014 International Consumer Electronics Show

Digital learning company McGraw-Hill Education has announced its participation at this year’s International Consumer Electronics Show (CES), where company executives will discuss how digital innovation continues to improve the education industry and provide an update on the state of adaptive learning technology in today's classrooms. At the show, the company will debut a new user interface for SmartBook, which was launched at CES last year along with the broader LearnSmart Advantage adaptive learning suite.

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AWARDS, CERTIFICATION AND OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Nature Selects ‘Single-Cell Sequencing’ as the 2013 Method of the Year

Scientific publisher Nature Publishing Group has selected single-cell sequencing as its Method of the Year for 2013 (www.nature.com/nmeth/index.html). The publication, in explaining its choice, noted that “methods to sequence the DNA and RNA of single cells are poised to transform many areas of biology and medicine.”

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ProQuest Stat Ab and Queen Victoria’s Journals selected for Choice Magazine’s annual Outstanding Academic Titles list

ProQuest Statistical Abstract of the United States and Queen Victoria’s Journals have been selected for Choice Magazine’s annual, highly acclaimed Outstanding Academic Titles list. ProQuest's 'Stat Ab' has been heralded for rescuing and upgrading an 'essential' reference from extinction, while Queen Victoria's Journals was noted for providing 'an important primary resource for researching 19th-century British political and social history.'

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Knovel named 2014 CODiE Award finalist in two categories

Knovel, provider of a cloud-based application that integrates technical information with analytical and search tools, is a 2014 CODiE Award finalist for Best Science and Technology Information
Solution and Best Service Using Aggregated Content. Finalists represent the information industry's best products, technologies, and services created by or for media, publishers and information services providers.

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EBSCO awards five scholarships for librarians to attend 2014 ALA Midwinter Meeting

In co-sponsorship with American Library Association (ALA), EBSCO Information Services (EBSCO) has awarded five librarians a $1,500 scholarship to attend the 2014 ALA Midwinter Meeting, January 24-28 in Philadelphia. As part of the application process, librarians were asked to write an essay on the topic “What will your library be like in five years?”

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NEW APPOINTMENTS AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

Informa Plc appoints Stephen Carter as Group Chief Executive

Publishing firm Informa Plc has announced that Stephen Carter will take up the role of Group Chief Executive with effect from January 1, 2014. Carter succeeds current Chief Executive Peter Rigby, who will retire from the company. The company also announced that Adam Walker, Group Finance Director, will leave the company. Walker has been Informa’s Finance Director since March 2008.

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Dr. Rigoberto Hernandez elected to board of the American Chemical Society

The American Chemical Society (ACS), the world’s largest scientific society, has announced that Dr. Rigoberto Hernandez, a chemist at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, has been elected to the board of the ACS. During his three-year term, Dr. Hernandez will represent District IV, with more than 25,000 ACS members in 12 states stretching from Florida to southern New Mexico.

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Jacob Klerman appointed new Editor of Evaluation Review

Academic publisher SAGE has announced the appointment of Abt Principal Associate and Senior Fellow Jacob Klerman as Editor of Evaluation Review. A SAGE journal, Evaluation Review serves as an interdisciplinary forum for researchers, planners, and policymakers who develop, implement, and utilize studies designed to improve the human condition.

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Scientific American appoints Curtis Brainard as Blogs Editor

Science magazine Scientific American has announced the appointment of Blogs Editor Curtis Brainard. In this role, Brainard will manage and further develop the Scientific American Blog.
Network. Brainard will serve as moderator for the community, encourage discussion and facilitate the exchange of ideas with both the bloggers and Scientific American readers.

COPYRIGHTS / DATA INTEGRITY / ETHICAL ISSUES

EU favours licensing over copyright reform for libraries in latest international negotiations

The 26th meeting of the Standing Committee on Copyright & Related Rights (SCCR) closed just before midnight on December 20, following five days of discussion of copyright protections for broadcasting, exceptions and limitations for libraries and archives, and for education. This was the first meeting during which exceptions and limitations for libraries and archives were discussed in depth by Member States, with two days dedicated to going through topics in working document SCCR/26/3.

GRANTS AND OTHER RESEARCH FUNDING

NIH to fund research workforce diversity program

The National Institutes of Health is releasing three new funding opportunity announcements (FOAs) to develop approaches to engage researchers, especially from backgrounds under-represented in biomedical sciences, and prepare them to thrive in NIH-funded research careers. The funding through the 'Enhancing the Diversity of the NIH-Funded Workforce' program will establish a national consortium to develop, implement, and evaluate approaches to encourage individuals to start and stay in biomedical research careers.

SEARCH TECHNOLOGIES

Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design selects Serials Solutions’ Summon discovery service

Serials Solutions, a ProQuest business, has announced that the Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design (RMCAD) has selected the Summon discovery service. The Summon service’s single, unified index was a key factor in the library staff’s decision, allowing their wide range of electronic resources to be discovered via a single, powerful search interface.

ProQuest unveils new service to preserve and enhance discovery of University multimedia collections

Information resources and technologies provider ProQuest has announced that libraries and universities with proprietary audio and video collections can now preserve and provide access to
these information resources through a new service. ProQuest Video Preservation and Discovery Service (VPDS) is a continuum of services designed to make fully discoverable video and audio content to which the Library has rights.

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LIBRARY - MANAGEMENT / DIGITIZATION / AUTOMATION

CUL/IS announces opening of China Academic Digital Associative Library database of 1.75 million Chinese e-books to Columbia University

Columbia University Libraries/Information Services (CUL/IS) has announced the opening of the CADAL (China Academic Digital Associative Library) database of 1.75 million Chinese e-books to Columbia University. The CADAL, which originated from the China-US Million Book Digital Library Project, is one of the two major consortia academic libraries in China with partnership ties to more than 70 Chinese university libraries, including the top 10.

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INDUSTRY INFORMATION

Cengage Learning seeking $2 billion in bankruptcy exit loans

College textbook publisher Cengage Learning is seeking as much as $2 billion in loans to exit bankruptcy. Earlier in July 2013, the publisher had agreed with lenders to restructure $5.8 billion of debt. According to a December 27 court filing, the financing would consist of a $250 million revolving line of credit and a term loan between $1.5 billion and $1.75 billion. A hearing will take place on January 9 at 11 a.m. New York time.

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