

Press Releases & News

Ingenta Announces North American Library Board

Ingenta recently named the members of its new Library Advisory Board. The group will advise Ingenta on all aspects of its role in the library community, from its overall strategy in the information market to product development plans.

http://www.managinginformation.com/news/content_show_full.php?id=5003

Headfast – the new name for Head Software International

Caterham, Surrey, United Kingdom – 20th June 2006

Specialist electronic publishing systems and Internet services company, Head Software International, is re-branding itself as Headfast – the name of its text database technology.

For over twenty-five years, Head Software International (www.headfast.com) has been supplying solutions for the knowledge industry – booksellers, information services, libraries and publishers – based on its packaged software such as Headline, Headform, Headset and Headfast. However, in recent years, the emphasis has switched to more bespoke solutions for in-house information management, CD-ROM publishing, websites and online information services on the Internet. Recent products have been given names like Headfast/Discovery for Internet applications and Headfast/Abstrax for bibliographic content management as they have been developed around Headfast database technology.

Mike Hyman, Managing Director of Headfast, explains: "Our business is increasingly as much about providing high quality services like hosting and system implementation as developing new software. We therefore decided that the time was right to re-brand the company to reflect this evolution. Adopting the Headfast name was a very natural and logical choice. Indeed, many customers and prospects already think of us as Headfast because it's been at the core of our business and also our Internet domain name for many years."

Headfast customers include Nielsen BookData, Inspec, Waterstone's, CERAM Research, the British Nursing Index and Ellis Publications (part of the Thomson Corporation).

Major journals archive made available free to UK universities

JISC agreement with Oxford University Press brings 135 years of scholarly resources online

6th June 2006. An archive totalling over 3 million pages from 300,000 journal articles and encompassing over 135 years of human knowledge is being made available free of charge to the UK academic community in perpetuity.

JISC and Oxford Journals, a division of Oxford University Press, today announced an agreement which will see major collections of journal articles in the humanities, sciences, medicine, law and the social sciences made available to all higher education institutions, collections which include many of the leading titles in their fields over the last two centuries. The archive, if purchased individually, would cost in the region of £80,000 per institution.

The agreement represents a significant commitment to the widening of access to major scholarly resources and follows a programme of digitization undertaken by Oxford Journals. Functionality incorporated by the archive includes full text pdfs of each article with HTML headers and abstracts, full text searching, the inclusion of all images and graphics, and links to 'similar articles in this journal'.

Lorraine Estelle, JISC Collections Team Manager, said: "This agreement makes available a wide range of complete runs of journals to far more students and staff than would otherwise be able to access them. The response we received from the community during the consultation process was extremely enthusiastic and thanks to their support, JISC is delighted with this opportunity to work with Oxford University Press on an agreement which will help to enrich teaching, learning and research across a range of subjects."

Martin Richardson, Managing Director, Oxford Journals, commented: "This agreement with JISC is a major boost towards ensuring scholarly research is accessible for the future. With content from 140 titles dating back to 1849, the Oxford Journals archive makes available important knowledge that may previously have been hard to find, or was not accessible at all. We're delighted that JISC is enabling UK researchers to benefit from this significant collection."

Liz Chapman, Deputy Director of UCL Library Services, said: "Accessing this archive is like walking through The Looking Glass into another era. Here we are given the ability to make a systematic review of early research articles in a variety of subjects. Here television is new and is early criticized and clinical trials are executed by doctors on themselves. It is a marvellous adjunct to current e-journals and will support research in many areas, particularly the humanities and social sciences which have up to now had little historical digital material to search."

Free online access to nearly 200 years of medical research

Launch of groundbreaking project opens major medical archive to all

11 May, 2006. Complete back issues covering nearly 200 years of historically significant biomedical journals are being made freely available online as a result of a landmark project launched today at the Wellcome Trust. On completion, the back files project will deliver over three million pages of medical journals free to anyone through standard search tools such as PubMed and Google. The initiative was developed through a partnership between the [Wellcome Trust](#), JISC, the US [National Library of Medicine](#) (NLM) and a number of medical journal publishers. The [archive](#) will contain a number of discoveries which have changed the face of medicine, including:

- Sir Alexander Fleming's discovery of the use of penicillin to fight bacterial infections. *British Journal of Experimental Pathology*, 1929 (continued as the *International Journal of Experimental Pathology*)
- Sir Richard Doll's groundbreaking study that confirmed that smoking was a "major cause" of lung cancer. *BMJ*, 1954
- Walter Reed's paper that proved that yellow fever is transmitted by mosquitoes. *Journal of Hygiene*, 1902 (continued as *Epidemiology and Infection*)
- Kenneth Burton's classic and highly cited "methods" paper that provided a standard way of assaying DNA concentration in a solution using diphenylamine. *Biochemical Journal*, 1956
- Hodgkin's and Huxley's Nobel-prize winning paper on ionic theory of the nerve impulse. This work was the foundation for thousands of subsequent studies of electrical signalling in the brain and has been useful for understanding the origins of many disorders – such as multiple sclerosis, muscle myotonias, and heart arrhythmias – that result from defects in electrical signalling. *Journal of Physiology*, 1952
- Frederick Treves 1888 paper in which he described the first operation on an inflamed appendix. On publication, the paper was not initially well received as surgical intervention was discouraged in such cases. Seven years later this became the accepted practice. *Medico-Chirurgical Transactions*, 1888, (continued as the *Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine*)
- Arunlakshana and Schild's 1959 paper on the characteristics of drug binding to receptor sites. Using the approach articulated in this paper the authors showed, for example, that the histamine receptors in various guinea pig and human tissues were the same. *British Journal of Pharmacology*, 1959

Participating publishers have also agreed to continue to deposit current content of their journals into this archive. They will be freely available after an embargo period – a maximum of one year for all research papers. In addition to the faithful replication of every published page, the archive provides a number of innovative, value-added functions, including links from references to full text, high resolution images, full text searching across the entire archive, and links from the original article to corrections and retractions and vice-versa.

Director of the Wellcome Trust, Dr Mark Walport, said: "This growing collection will be of lasting benefit to researchers, practitioners and medical historians worldwide. It will provide access to important scientific literature from the past, free of charge, to anyone in the world with Internet access."

The backfiles archive can be accessed free of charge through the National Institutes of Health (NIH), full-text, life sciences repository [PubMed Central](#) (PMC). Journals will be added to the archive as soon as they are digitized. PubMed citations are added to that database when the archive is complete.

Further information about this project can be found at: [Backfiles project](#)

Emerald Group Publishing Launches Emerald Alumni

Custom-branded online management resources

Emerald Group Publishing launches Emerald Alumni, providing universities with a specially-branded online management resource as a tangible benefit for their alumni, to help graduates to keep abreast of developments in the business world.

Bill Russell, Director, academic market says, "There is increasing recognition that alumni can be ambassadors, advocates and advisers for their place of study. Now many institutes are turning to their former students as an important source of funding to help the university develop. In return, higher education institutes need to offer their alumni tangible benefits. Emerald Alumni supports lifelong learning for graduates by providing online resources which help them to develop, learn and grow throughout their corporate careers or for those taking postgraduate or MBA studies."

Content is supplied through Emerald's managementfirst.com website. The resource includes international business and management articles, case studies, guru interviews, management briefings and discussion forums. Emerald Alumni also provides access to Emerald Management Reviews, a database of short summaries of every article published in the world's top 400 management titles. There are 190,000 article reviews available to help users pin-point the most relevant material for their needs.

The web resource includes coverage of strategy, marketing, change management, human resources, knowledge management, healthcare, e-business, quality and public sector management. The resources are divided into ten communities:

- Management Styles
- Marketing
- Change Management
- Strategy & Leadership
- Human Resources
- Knowledge Management
- Healthcare Management
- E-business, IT & Finance
- Quality
- Public Sector Management.

For further information visit: www.emeraldinsight.com/alumni.



Nominations invited for the Jason Farradane Award

The UKeIG Jason Farradane Award is offered to an individual or a group of people in recognition of outstanding work in the field of information science. The Award is sponsored by Sage Publications.

Nominations are now invited for the 2006 Award. Nominations should be for achievement that meets one or more of the following criteria:

Raising the profile of the information profession within an organisation or field of endeavour in a way which can or has become an exemplar to others;

Raising the awareness of the value of information in the workplace;

Development of a significant new information product or service;

Development of a product or service that has made a significant impact on the availability and accessibility of information.

Key characteristics that the judges will look for in nominations are innovation, initiative, originality and significance. The Award is open to individuals or groups from anywhere in the world; however, nominations must be made by a Member of CILIP: the Chartered Institute for Library and Information Professionals.

Nominations should take the form of a short description (no more than 3 sides of A4) of the work in question, together with full contact details of both the nominee and the nominator. Do not forget to include any documentation, references or URLs which may support the nomination. Nominations should reach the judges by Friday September 15th 2006.

Nominations will be judged by a panel of experts, and the award will be presented to the winner during the annual Online Information Meeting in London in late November.

Jason Farradane graduated in chemistry in 1929 at what is now Imperial College and started work in industry as a chemist and documentalist. He was instrumental in

establishing the Institute of Information Scientists (IIS) in 1958 and the first academic courses in information science in 1960 at the precursor of City University, where he became Director of the Centre for Information Science in 1966. On the research side his main contributions lay in relational analysis, which can now perhaps be seen as providing a precursor to work in the area of A.I., and the concept of information. He saw information science as a step towards understanding and better organizing ourselves. The IIS first presented the award in 1979, to Jason Farradane.

Previous award winners have included:

- Michael Koenig
- Bruce Royan
- Michael Keen
- Newcastle University Library
- Sandra Ward
- Phil Williams
- Phil Holmes

Further details can be found on the UKeiG website at:

<http://www.ukeig.org.uk/awards/farradane.html>.

Nominations for the 2006 Award are now invited, and should be sent with full supporting documentation to:

Christine Baker, The Old Chapel, Walden, West Burton, Leyburn, North Yorkshire DL8 4LE

Tel & Fax: 01969 663749

E-mail: cabaker@ukeig.org.uk

The closing date for nominations is Friday September 15th 2006.



Nominations invited for the Tony Kent Strix Award

The UKeIG Tony Kent Strix Award is given in recognition of an outstanding contribution to the field of information retrieval. The Award is sponsored by Sage Publications.

Nominations are now invited for the 2006 Award. Nominations should be for achievement that meets one or more of the following criteria:

- development of, or significant improvement in, mechanisms for the retrieval of information, either generally or in a specialised field;
- development of, or significant improvement in, accessibility to an information service;
- a sustained contribution over a period of years to the field of information retrieval; for example, by running an information service or by contributing at national or international level to organisations active in the field;
- a major and/or sustained contribution to the theoretical or experimental understanding of the information retrieval process;
- A major contribution to fostering the education, training and/or general awareness of the importance and the technicalities of information retrieval.

Key characteristics that the judges will look for in nominations are innovation, initiative, originality and practicality. The Award is open to individuals or groups from anywhere in the world.

Nominations should take the form of a short description (no more than 3 sides of A4) of the work in question, together with full contact details of both the nominee and the nominator. Do not forget to include any documentation, references or URLs which may support the nomination. Nominations should reach the judges by Friday September 15th 2006.

Nominations will be judged by a panel of experts, and the statuette of an owl will be presented to the winner during the annual Online Information Meeting in London in late November.

The Strix Award is presented in memory of Dr Tony Kent, a past Fellow of the Institute of Information Scientists, who died in 1997. Tony Kent made a major contribution to the development of information retrieval and information services both in the UK and internationally, particularly in the field of chemistry. The name Strix was chosen both to reflect Tony's interest in ornithology, and the name of one of the last and most successful information retrieval packages which he created.

Past winners have been:

2005 Jack Mills

2004 Professor Cornelis Joost (Keith) van Rijsbergen

2003 Dr Herbert van Sompel

2002 Malcolm Jones

2001 Professor Peter Willett

2000 Dr Martin Porter

1999 Dr Donna Harman

1998 Professor Stephen Robertson

Further details can be found on the UKeIG website at <http://www.ukeig.org.uk/awards/tonykentstrix.html>

Nominations for the 2006 Award are now invited, and should be sent with full supporting documentation to:

Alan Gilchrist, 32 Friar Road, Brighton BN1 6NH, UK.

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The closing date for nominations is Friday September 15th 2006.