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OCLC acquires DiMeMa

OCLC Online Computer Library Center has acquired DiMeMa (Digital Media Management), an organization that developed and supports CONTENTdm, the leading digital management software for libraries distributed by OCLC.

CONTENTdm software offers tools to store, manage and deliver digital collections such as historical documents, photos, newspapers, audio and video on the Web. OCLC has been the exclusive distributor of CONTENTdm software to libraries, cultural heritage organizations and other nonprofit organizations since 2002.

CONTENTdm is a digital collection management solution that offers scalable tools for archiving collections of any size.Metadata for these digital collections can be added to WorldCat, the world's largest database of items held in libraries. Once in WorldCat, these collection items can be found by searching the database, or searching the Web. Items in WorldCat can now be discovered through WorldCat.org, a new search site that also offers a downloadable search box, and through popular search engines like Google and Yahoo! as part of the OCLC Open WorldCat program.

To see some digital collections managed with CONTENTdm software, visit: http://www.contentdm.com/customers/.

Taylor & Francis Group Announces Launch of Beta Version of New Online Platform – informaworld

9 August 2006 – Taylor & Francis Group (including Routledge, Taylor & Francis & Psychology announces the imminent launch of the beta version of its new online platform – informaworld. informaworld will host the company's eJournals, online journal archive collections, eBooks and eReference Works. For the first time Taylor & Francis' subscribers will be able to search across all T&F content, regardless of format, giving them increased access to a wealth of information to assist in their research.

informaworld will run in parallel with T&F's existing online platforms while customers are invited to try out the beta site and provide feedback. Access will be transferred to informaworld from Metapress once users are satisfied with the new site to ensure a smooth transition and minimal disruption to all.

informaworld offers many enhanced and new features for the benefit of both the Library and the Researcher including:

- Automatic enabling of access to subscriptions with e-mail confirmation

- COUNTER 2 compliant usage statistics

- Compatibility with all Link Resolvers

- Ability to incorporate your Library's logo

- Easy access by IP range, username and password, ATHENS (Shibboleth to follow) and proxy server

- Comprehensive reference and forward citation linking

- Compatibility with bibliographic software Improved alerts by search term, citation, subject and issue

- Related articles feature Intuitive search interface with comprehensive help notes

Trexy`s new Feature puts Searchers in the Driver`s Seat

San Jose, 9 August 2006. Trexy.com announced the launch of its new 'Add Engine' feature today enabling users to add search engines in real time, increasing the number of engines that search trails can be created on.

The new 'Add Engine' feature is a mechanism for extending the range of search engines that Trexy is able to recognise. This feature allows the user to individually suggest engines and add them to Trexy's database by the use of a simple, two-step online form.

Trexy's CEO and Inventor, Nigel Hamilton said: "Trexy currently works with over 3,000 online search engines, but these engines are just the tip of the iceberg. We wanted to give Trexy users the power to remember their searches on any engine, no matter how big or small."

Trexy is the first search engine to interoperate with thousands of other search engines to remember and share individual search trails. A search trail is the click path a searcher creates after entering a keyword or phrase into a search engine and browsing the Web for an answer.

"We've designed Trexy to complement a user's current searching habits. The more engines we can connect to, the more search trail information that can be created across a broader spectrum of online databases helping users to remember and find the most relevant results online," he said.

About Trexy.com

Trexy is a unique search technology that allows users to remember and share their searches and the Web pages they visit by creating search trails. Trexy.com is inspired by scientist and visionary, Dr. Vannevar Bush, who in the 1940's shared his vision of creating a collective memory by recording peoples' trails through information. Bush dreamt of a device called a "Memex" – an enhanced supplement to personal and community memory created by trailblazers: "those who find delight in the task of establishing useful trails through the enormous mass of the common record." Free to use, Trexy's toolbar called the TrailBar, works with Firefox and IE browsers.

Intute: the Best of the Web

London. 13th July 2006. Intute was launched today at an event held at the Wellcome Trust. Intute is the new face of the Resource Discovery Network (RDN), and is a free national service enabling lecturers, researchers and students to discover and access quality Internet resources. Intute exists to advance education and research by promoting the most intelligent use of the Internet.

Caroline Williams, Executive Director of Intute said, "The environment in which we operate is rapidly changing. Issues of trust and quality are real concerns for our users, and we have responded to this by creating a new service which takes the best of the RDN and streamlines it into one easy to use interface." She explains, "The Intute database makes it possible to discover the best and most relevant resources on the Internet. You can explore and discover trusted information, assured that it has been evaluated by subject specialists."

Intute is hosted by MIMAS at The University of Manchester, and is a collaboration between a whole host of partners and contributors. At the heart of the organisation is a consortium of seven universities. Intute is funded by the Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC), with support from the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), and the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC). Intute is freely available at http://www.intute.ac.uk

SLA Europe Information Professional 2006

The Board of SLA Europe is delighted to announce that the winner of the 2006 SLA Europe Information Professional Award (SLA Europe IP) is Marie-Madeleine Salmon, Head of Information Center, Publicis, France. The SLA Europe IP Award is now in its 13th year. It recognises individuals working in Europe who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in the information profession. Past winners include Steve Borley, Royal Bank of Scotland (UK), Margareta Nelke of Tetra Pak (Sweden) and Will Hann, founder of FreePint (UK).

Marie-Madeleine Salmon receives the Award for her promotion of the use of marketing techniques by information professionals, in particular to communicate the value of information departments in their organisations. Announcing the winner of the Award, SLA

Europe President Gillian Voisey said, "Marie-Madeleine is a well-known figure in the information industry in France and with this Award we recognise the contribution that she has made to the information professional community".

UnityUK membership tops 100

In excess of 100 library authorities have already signed up to become members of UnityUK: the next generation resource sharing and interlibrary loan service from The Combined Regions (TCR). UnityUK is a part-financed project by the European Union's European Regional Development Fund delivered through the South Yorkshire Objective 1 Programme. In the four months since the launch, 90% of members have been trained, and four regional user groups have been scheduled. More than 50% of subscribers have already used the service to place a request.

County Councils, Metropolitan Boroughs and Unitary authorities are all represented among the UnityUK membership list and library authorities large and small have all signed up for the new TCR service. The geographic spread of UnityUK users is impressive and the service is already being used by libraries across England, Scotland and Wales.

As part of the ongoing development of the service, from mid July 2006 UnityUK subscribers will be able to access the former UnityWeb catalogue, complete with 40 million holdings, and use the information for searching and placing requests.

UnityUK will, for the first time, deliver a national network for resource sharing for the UK as it brings together the union catalogues of The Combined Regions and LinkUK and one integrated service is expected in mid 2007. The new service uses the latest resource sharing technology from world leaders OCLC PICA who also host and manage the new service.

The 78 LinkUK libraries also use OCLC PICA software to share resources and the integration project between UnityUK and the LinkUK libraries is due to start during the summer 2006. Early adopters among the LinkUK libraries will use both services as part the integration project to ensure that the UnityUK service is developed in line with the LinkUK libraries requirements.

More than 175 library authorities across the UK use OCLC PICA software to share resources and manage requesting.

http://www.unity-uk.com