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EBSCO PRODUCT NEWS

EBSCO Provides Express Content

EBSCO Information Services (EBSCO) announced that it is the first vendor to provide Express Content for subscriptions and publications as part of the Express Content program offered by Ariba, Inc., the leading spend management solutions provider. According to an exclusive agreement in the magazine and subscriptions category, EBSCO Information MarketPlace® (MarketPlace) will provide users of Ariba procurement solutions an Express Catalog with more than two million newspaper, magazine, book and e-journal titles using Ariba Ready® Level 2 PunchOut technology.

The Ariba Ready Level 2 PunchOut functionality makes it possible for a buyer to search and locate item level product information across local and internet catalogs quickly, all from within the Ariba procurement application without regard to where the catalog data is hosted. The Ariba Express Content program allows companies of various sizes to source indirect goods and services more quickly and cost-effectively through pre-enabled catalogs from leading suppliers being used by other buyers on the Ariba Supplier Network™.

EBSCONET Services Broadened

EBSCO Information Services (EBSCO) has recently broadened the offerings of EBSCONET®, the Company’s premier e-service platform, to provide detailed information about publisher license agreements. Eliminating the need to navigate numerous publisher sites to locate license data as well as the need to develop and manage desktop spreadsheets and databases, the new license details feature provides instant answers to commonly asked questions as well as dozens more not so common. For example, librarians can now obtain information regarding publishers’ policies on perpetual access and learn whether they can access a journal via their library’s proxy server.

While following the E-Resource Management Initiative (ERMI) guidelines in collecting license data, EBSCO has identified, with significant input from customers, a manageable list of 50 key data elements to display on EBSCONET. As a result, librarians can view a standardized version of the terms and conditions of use in various publisher license agreements and link directly to the agreements themselves. With its value-added approach to e-resource management, this innovative license details feature removes much of the burden of researching license information, saving librarians time and frustration while helping them make informed purchasing decisions.

EBSCO Strengthens Power of its A-to-Z® Locator Tool with New Knowledge Base Change Reports

EBSCO Information Services (EBSCO) has recently strengthened the power of its EBSCO A-to-Z® Web-based resource locator tool with the addition of a Knowledge Base Change Reports feature which, among other benefits, allows librarians to instantly see which titles have been added or removed from their aggregated full-text databases.
In addition to the already existing advantages of subscribing to EBSCO A-to-Z, including the effective management of online titles from individual e-journals, e-journal packages, e-book packages and aggregated full-text databases, the new Knowledge Base change reports enable library staff to more easily identify content changes to their collections at large. Also, with the added ability to view titles affected by EBSCO A-to-Z’s automatic update of titles in databases and fixed packages, customers can now more efficiently administer their EBSCO A-to-Z list when changes are necessary. Library staff can also use the Knowledge Base change reports as a resource when preparing collection awareness announcements that reveal newly accessible titles to end users.

The new Knowledge Base change reports can be downloaded in multiple file formats allowing EBSCO A-to-Z customers to efficiently update their catalogs and other content products. EBSCO A-to-Z customers can also access recorded demonstrations within their A-to-Z Administrator sites as well as register for complimentary online training at http://training.ebsco.com. To learn more about how EBSCO A-to-Z can benefit your library, please contact your local EBSCO Information Services sales representative or visit www.ebsco.com.

MetaPress® Designated KnowledgeWorks Certified by Serials Solutions®

MetaPress® is pleased to announce that it has successfully completed the Serials Solutions® KnowledgeWorks Certification Program. One of only 13 organizations around the globe to earn this designation, MetaPress is now considered a KnowledgeWorks Certified content partner and, as such, has pledged to work with Serials Solutions to supply quality bibliographic metadata to customers via the Serials Solutions KnowledgeWorks knowledgebase. The KnowledgeWorks Certified designation assures that MetaPress’ journal metadata is represented as accurately and up-to-date as possible in the Serials Solutions knowledgebase and data inquiries are resolved in the fastest manner possible.

As a KnowledgeWorks Certified content partner, MetaPress is able to provide title-level metadata to Serials Solutions on an ongoing basis. It also has access to the Serials Solutions Client Center, which it uses to verify the metadata in the Serials Solutions knowledgebase.

New EBSCONET® Tool Simplifies E-Journal Order Activation and Registration for Library Staff

EBSCO Information Services (EBSCO) has recently developed and launched another innovative feature for EBSCONET®, the Company’s premier e-service platform, that helps library staff activate their e-journals and track the ongoing status of that activation. Just one in a series of significant EBSCONET enhancements, this newest feature works in tandem with the license details feature, launched last February, since it provides instant access to key license information needed in the e-journal management workflow.

A comprehensive solution that simplifies the work involved throughout the activation and registration process, the new feature benefits library staff in many ways. It lists orders that require
action; it identifies what actions are required; it provides details and instructions for completing each action; and finally, it tracks the overall progress of the registration and activation functions.

The various components that make up the order activation and registration feature have been automatically added to existing EBSCONET Administrator accounts, at no charge.

Nine Additional Publishers Choose MetaPress® for E-Content Hosting

MetaPress®, the world’s largest primary host of scientific, technical and medical content, is pleased to announce that nine additional publishers have recently launched their electronic content distribution services via the MetaPress 2.0 platform. These publishers include the following:

- Analytica Publications
- Art Therapy Association
- Cancer Information Group
- Catholic Medical Association
- Gemological Institute of America
- Justice Research and Statistics Association
- A.K. Peters, Ltd.
- New Forums Press
- UCLA Asian American Studies Center

Launched in August 2006, the MetaPress 2.0 platform is the industry’s first content management system with dimensional navigation across a variety of content types. A primary source online hosting platform for more than 30,000 scholarly publications across the globe, MetaPress provides a comprehensive solution to Web publishing needs and offers an established way to publish titles electronically, regardless of existing content format. Currently, MetaPress provides services and support to 177 publishers.

EBSCO PERSONNEL NEWS

Oliver Pesch, Chief Strategist at EBSCO Information Services, Elected Chair of NISO Board

Oliver Pesch has been elected chair of the board of the National Information Standards Organization (NISO) for the 2008-2009 term, effective July 1, 2008. As chief strategist for EBSCO Information Services, based in Birmingham, Ala., Pesch helps guide the direction of the Company’s e-resource access and management products and services initiatives.

A strong supporter of standards, Pesch also serves on the executive committee for Project COUNTER and is a frequent speaker and author on industry topics such as usage statistics, OpenURL and e-resource management.

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