

# Product news

**HCN renews contract with Vic Health**  
Health Communication Network (HCN), Australia's leading medical IT and health software provider, today announced the extension of the contract with Victoria's Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide software and databases for the Clinicians Health Channel. Worth more than \$3 million over two years this contract cements the ongoing relationship between HCN and DHS into its third and fourth years.

The Clinicians Health Channel delivers easy access via the internet to HCN's up to date online information resources for all doctors and nurses in the health department. Through computers located at wards and workstations, online books, journals and databases provide valuable evidence-based information on treatment, drugs, guidelines and protocols for the daily decisions made in clinical care.

## **New agreement brings business journals published to ABI/INFORM business database**

John Wiley & Sons, Inc. and ProQuest Company's Information and Learning unit have announced a limited exclusive agreement to allow ProQuest to distribute the journal content from the BoldIdeas Collection of business journals as part of its ABI/INFORM business database to educational institutions, libraries, and other markets around the world.

Both indexing and full-text for the titles will appear in ABI/INFORM Global and ProQuest 5000.

The agreement becomes effective immediately. ProQuest customers can expect to see the additional forty titles in the coming months, and can sign up for the ProQuest specialised e-mail notification lists at: <http://www.proquest.com/proquest/em-notecontent.shtml> to receive notification when the new content is added.

## **Thomson introduces library gateway to thousands of news sources**

The Thomson Corporation, through Gale and Dialog have introduced ReferenceLink, an online information gateway designed for public and educational libraries.

The new product enables library patrons and students to search thousands of news sources and databases simultaneously through a single, friendly interface. The product is the first to be introduced in a line of planned online products and services serving academic and public libraries worldwide.

ReferenceLink is a multi-disciplinary

database containing medical, reference, health, science, technical and regulatory sources, including *The New England Journal of Medicine*, *Consumer Reports*, *Medline*, *GeoRef* and thousands of other widely used sources. News coverage is rich, containing nearly fifty databases with more than 1500 newspaper and journal titles.

Libraries may subscribe to only the newspaper database, which provides access to the news content, or in combination with ReferenceLink to get the broader full content set.

## **Endeavor ILS provides access to a Nation's collections**

Endeavor Information Systems recently announced that the National Library of Australia has selected the Voyager integrated library management system for management of the library's 3.2 million volumes. Voyager replaces the DYNIX system at the library, which will employ Sun hardware for the Voyager implementation.

The library will also implement Endeavor's geospatial search module. This will assist with the searching of the library's extensive map collections. The geospatial search module offers searching of the MARC 034 coded cartographic mathematical data field. Endeavor's Voyager interface to VDX, a software extension to interoperate with Fretwell-Downing's VDX interlibrary loan system will also be employed for structured ILL e-mail messages from Voyager to the Library's ILL system.

Endeavor's systems will assist NLA in reaching strategic goals such as improving internal processes to achieve efficiencies and economies, plus applying new technology to meet future directions. The implementation of the ILLMS coincides with the restructure of the library's website, providing a greater degree of integration with the catalog. With a simple search, a library client will be able to retrieve a comprehensive range of results from the entire website, including the catalog.

National Library staff will also benefit from the implementation of Voyager by enabling streamlining of the management of acquisitions and cataloguing of the hundreds of new collection items processed daily.

## **Swets Blackwell delivers single integrated platform with SwetsWise online content**

Swets Blackwell has unveiled a major new addition to SwetsWise® (<http://www.swetswise.com>), its web-based service launched in 2001 as an

e-procurement solution for journals, magazines and other periodical literature. With the arrival of SwetsWise online content the service is brought up to its full complement, making it the only product on the market to offer users a single platform for both web-based management of subscriptions and access to electronic journals.

SwetsWise online content is the premier tool for managing electronic information needs. The service offers users a single point of access to content from the world's leading publishers, boasting more than 12 million searchable references and links to full-text articles available from such prestigious publishers as Elsevier Science, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, OECD, Blackwell Publishing, John Wiley, MIT Press and Springer-Verlag.

SwetsWise online content replaces SwetsnetNavigator, the e-journal gateway service that first appeared in 1997, and contains all the functionality of its precursor and more. Customers will enjoy such features as pay-per-view, rights management and the industry's most advanced statistic reporting, as well as a revamped interface that provides a more user-friendly and intuitive environment.

## **Westlaw Australia Financial Services Law Collection Released**

Westlaw Australia, a leading provider of online-based legal research services and a brand of Thomson Legal & Regulatory Limited (a subsidiary of The Thomson Corporation), has announced the release of the Westlaw Australia Financial Services Law Collection. This collection addresses all the essential compliance requirements that impact the Australian financial services industry.

In response to the increased complexity in this industry, the Australian Financial Services Law Collection offers legal practitioners and legal counsel from the banking, general insurance, life insurance, and superannuation sectors a comprehensive range of regulatory and compliance materials to help reduce the risks of non-compliance with regulatory frameworks.

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