Developments
Some health sciences collection issues & developments since the 2006 Lively Lunch
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Themes (no claim of comprehensiveness)
• Cont’d: Open Access—experiments and new products; more E-books
• Translational medicine
• Exclusive distribution of information products
• Mergers and acquisitions of publishers
• Libraries take a stand
• Publishers’ licensing “cooperatives” (eg. SPCnet, Scholarly Publishers’ Collaborative Network, announced July 2007, not on this list, but mentioned during the Lively Lunch)
etc.

New / changed journal titles (sampling)
• Cell Host and Microbe
  Cell Press (new in 2007)
• Cell Stem Cell
  Cell Press (new in 2008)
• Clinical and Translational Science
  Blackwell (new in 2008)
  Wiley (effective 2007)
• PLoS Neglected Tropic Diseases
  The first open-access journal devoted to the world’s most neglected tropical diseases... The journal’s start-up phase is supported by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.
  http://www.plosntds.org/home.action
• PLoS ONE
  Public Library of Science (new in 2007)
“Facilitates the discovery of the connections between papers whether within or between disciplines”. Start-up phase is supported by a grant from the Open Society Institute.
  http://www.plosone.org/static/information.action
• Translational Research : The Journal of Laboratory and Clinical Medicine
  Elsevier (Mosby) (effective 2007)
  (title change from: Journal of Clinical and Laboratory Medicine)

October 2007
BioMed Central announces the launch of Biology Image Library
An online collection of images, movies, illustrations and animations across biology and biomedicine, for use in education and research... Contributors retain image rights and Biology Image Library will also offer them the option of selling...
commercial use rights on their behalf. Material is peer-reviewed by academic editors before being accepted for publication. Users are able to search for important visual material and they can group images and movies into slidesets which can be downloaded as presentations and graphics files.  

http://www.biologyimagelibrary.com/

The National Library of Medicine releases the Dietary Supplements Labels Database
A new (free) resource focused on dietary supplements:  


September 2007

ScienceDirect launches 4,000 books online.
This is in addition to the reference works, handbooks and book series already available on the platform.  

http://www.info.sciencedirect.com/content/books/

New Elsevier Website for oncologists
New website (http://www.oncologystat.com) allows registered oncologists to get free access to the latest articles from 100 of their journals, and Elsevier plans to sell advertisements to go with the content.

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The Thomson Corporation announced that it has acquired Prous Science
The Thomson Corporation, a leading provider of information solutions to business and professional customers worldwide, announced (Sept. 27) that it has acquired Prous Science, a global leader in the provision of life sciences information solutions. Prous Science will become part of Thomson Scientific.


Joint Commission's new Wiki-style health care Web site
The Joint Commission (on Healthcare Organizations, JCAHO) launched a pilot Web site, WikiHealthCare, as part of an effort to create an open exchange for health care professionals to share information...  

http://modernhealthcare.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?Date=20070912&Category=FREE&ArtNo=309120001&SectionCat=FRONTPAGE&Template=printpicart

Related: JCAHO trademarking Wiki Healthcare?


CSA Illustrata: Natural Sciences
“Transforms research with groundbreaking deep indexing to reveal results that would be missed with traditional indexing and searching. Over a million data summaries are indexed to pinpoint hidden data from articles in nearly 1,000 journals!”

Unbound Medicine releases Pediatrics Central
Pediatrics Central is the fifth in the company’s “Central” series that bundles disease, test, and treatment references with tools to search and manage the medical literature...(on the Unbound™ Platform for web, wireless, and PDA access)  


August 2007

Haworth Press, Inc. acquired by Taylor & Francis
The Haworth Press, Inc., publisher of 194 scholarly/academic journals and approximately 150 books/monographs yearly, announced that it would be acquired by Taylor & Francis... “The agreement signed August 1 is scheduled to take effect in approximately 30 days pending regulatory approval.”  


http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6477852.html?rssid=191

An Anthropologist in the library
The U. of Rochester takes a close look at students in the stacks; book from the Association of College and Research Libraries: Studying Students: The Undergraduate Research Project at the University of Rochester / Nancy Fried Foster and Susan Gibbons, editors (a view into the groundbreaking application of ethnographic tools and techniques to the understanding of undergraduate students and their use of information...)
BioMed Central announces Open Access publishing agreement with HHMI
Membership agreement under which HHMI (Howard Hughes Medical Institute) will pay the article processing charges for all research published by HHMI investigators in BioMed Central journals. Articles published under this agreement will be immediately and freely available on the web in their final published form, and will be deposited in international archives including PubMed Central (PMC).  


Yale University drops BioMed Central membership
Citing rapidly rising costs, the science and medical libraries of Yale University are stopping paying for faculty members’ articles to be published by BioMed Central, one of the two largest open-access publishers. (The university is keeping its membership in the Public Library of Science, the other well-known open-access publisher)

http://www2.library.yale.edu/movabletype/scilib/archive/2007/08/library_drops_b_1.html

The Association of American Publishers (AAP) launches "PRISM" (Partnership for Research Integrity in Science & Medicine)
PRISM is an anti-OA lobbying organization, to counteract the accelerating growth of OA and the dramatic success of the pro-OA Alliance for Taxpayer Access (ATA) lobbying organization in the US and the EC Open Access Petition in Europe...

http://www.prismcoalition.org/

Related:
PR's 'pit bull' takes on open access
http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v445/n7126/full/445347a.html
Partnership for Integrity in Scientific Dis-semination (PISD)
http://pisdcoalition.org/
posted in: SERIALST, Aug. 29, 2007

July 2007
Starting January 1, 2008 Science will no longer deposit issues to JSTOR
"After a very productive association of nearly 10 years, the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) has decided to discontinue its relationship with JSTOR, effective December 31, 2007."

http://www.jstor.org/about/aaas_announce.html

Oxford announced rebates on library subscriptions for Open Choice content
2008 online-only prices of Oxford Open journals have been adjusted to reflect any increase in the amount of open access versus non-open access content published in each journal in 2006 compared to the amount in 2005. Generally, the more open access content published in a journal, the lower the future online-only price.

http://www.library.yale.edu/~license/ListArchives/0707/msg00109.html
http://www.oxfordjournals.org/oxfordopen/2008%20online-only%20price%20adjustments.doc

Interview with Timo Hannay, Head of Web Publishing, Nature Publishing Group
Confessions of a Science Librarian, July 3, 2007


ProQuest and CSA
When CSA and ProQuest first joined forces, we announced that we would use the name ProQuest CSA in our early days together. That name has served us well, helping customers and partners become acquainted with us as a combined company.... Today we are sharing the news with you. Our name is ProQuest.  
June 4, 2007 e-announcement

May 2007
Development of a digital repository for NLM's digitized collections and born-digital resources
The Digital Repository Evaluation and Selection Working Group (DRESWG) was established to evaluate commercial systems and open source software and select one (or combination of systems/software) for use as an NLM digital repository. (In April 2006, the Acting Associate Director for Library Operations appointed the NLM Digital Repository Working Group (DRWG) and charged them with the task of developing functional requirements for an NLM digital
repository to provide access to and preservation of digital content not covered by PubMedCentral and the NIH CIT Videocast project.)

Wiley: The full texts of all Current Protocols and most reference works have been indexed by Google
Starting late in May 2007… similarly to the books and journals on Wiley InterScience. This means that a Google keyword search will now lead a user straight to the articles which feature this keyword anywhere in the full text. The increased discoverability of the content has immediately led to an increase of demand: Full text access to the reference works were 24% higher in June than May and Access Denied counts even increased by 504%!


Scholar’s Copyright Addendum Engine
Science Commons and the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC) announce the release of new online tools to help authors exercise choice in retaining critical rights in their scholarly articles, including the rights to reuse their scholarly articles and to post them in online repositories. May 17, 2007 SPARC press release

UKSG Working Group "Project Transfer" invites publishers to sign-up
Agreed Code of Practice to Improve Procedures for Journals Transferring Between Publishers

http://www.projecttransfer.org

April 2007
ticTOCs Project will transform journal current awareness

ticTOCs is a project to develop a freely available service which will transform journal current awareness. The ticTOCs service will make it easy for academics, researchers and anyone else to find, display, store, combine and reuse journal tables of contents (TOCs) from multiple publishers in a personalisable web based environment. JISC is the primary funder of the ticTOCs project, which will run for two years from April 2007. Includes: NPG, SAGE, IOP, Interscience Publishers, DOAJ.

http://www.tictocs.ac.uk/

Fired editors launch online medical journal
The editors who were fired or resigned over the editorial-independence controversy at the Canadian Medical Association Journal have reunited to start their own free, online medical journal. Open Medicine will be a peer-reviewed, independent open-access journal that does not accept advertising from pharmaceutical or medical-device companies. It is published only at http://www.openmedicine.ca. The launch date of the first issue is April 17.

Tanya Talaga, Toronto Star, April 2, 2007

March 2007
Springer: more than 29,000 titles now live in Google Book Search

http://www.springer.com/west/home/e-content?SGWID=4-113-6-442110-0&teaserId=396295&CENTER_ID=282299

MD Consult 10th anniversary
http://libraryconnect.elsevier.com/lcn/0502/lcn050215.html

February 2007
Blackwell Publishing was acquired by John Wiley & Sons
Wiley-Blackwell Wiley-Blackwell was formed in February 2007 as a result of the merger between Blackwell Publishing Ltd. and John Wiley & Sons...

Cambridge Information Group (CIG) announced the acquisition of ProQuest Information and Learning. At the same time, CIG announced that ProQuest Information and Learning and CSA are uniting as one company.

Nonprofit publishers oppose government mandates for scientific publishing
A coalition of 75 nonprofit publishers opposes any legislation that would abruptly end a publishing system that has nurtured independent scientific inquiry for generations. One such measure, the Federal Research Public Access Act, introduced in the 109th Congress, would have required all federally funded research to be deposited in an accessible
database within six months of acceptance in a scientific journal. Some open access advocates are pressing for the introduction of a similar measure in the 110th Congress.  

http://www.dcprinciples.org/press/2.htm

**January 2007**

**Wiley: Our 200th anniversary**

Founded in 1807, during the presidency of Thomas Jefferson, Wiley has been a vital source of information and understanding for generations of learners... A diverse group of authors responded with essays describing their vision... the entire collection is available on [www.wiley.com/go/bicentennial](http://www.wiley.com/go/bicentennial). (includes: On Evidence-Based Medicine; On Biomedicine)

http://www.wiley.com/WileyCDA/Section/id-301730.html

**Wiley’s business model for new journals**


**The electronic edition of Pediatrics celebrates its 10th birthday this year**

The online-only section of the journal, titled the *Electronic Pages*, debuted on January 6, 1997.  


**BMJ Journals announced that the online archive of five of its specialist titles is now available**

Hosted by Stanford University’s HighWire Press...

[http://group.bmj.com/group/media/bmj-journals-information-centre](http://group.bmj.com/group/media/bmj-journals-information-centre)

**2007**

**Ovid**

- **Releases OvidSP**

- **Ovid Nursing Full Text PLUS** -- "available exclusively on Ovid"

- **LWW Nursing Journal Legacy Archive**—from Volume 1, Issue 1 to the final issue of 1999 of 38 premier nursing journals" AND "Ovid serves as the single, consolidated online repository for all LWW journals from their publication dates through their most recent issues. We have no plan or intention to change Ovid’s role or the exclusive proprietary information we offer..."

- **Ovid Now Shibboleth Compliant**

**BMJ**

*Clinical Evidence* will be offered by the BMJ Group on its own platform (only) beginning with the 2007 renewal.

**American Society for Microbiology**

EcoSal, the new, continually updated Web resource based on the classic ASM Press publication *Escherichia coli* and *Salmonella: Cellular and Molecular Biology*.

[http://www.ecosal.org/ecosal/index.jsp](http://www.ecosal.org/ecosal/index.jsp)

**December 2006**

**McGraw-Hill Professional announced the release of Diagnosaurus 2.0**

FREE differential diagnosis tool for the web and PDA...


**The curtain comes down on Psychological Abstracts (PA) as a print journal**

"After a run of 80 years, at the end of 2006... whereas its digitized alter ego, as manifested in the PyscINFO system, promises to deliver access to the literature of psychology and related fields in a way that the print journal never could."

*American Psychologist, Dec. 2006*

**Nature Ends open peer review experiment**

Scientific journal *Nature* has announced plans to abandon an online experiment, which allowed scientists to comment on their peers' research before publication, due to lack of participation.

*Knowledgespeak, 12/25/06*
Possibly worth a visit:

**Summary of funding agency policies on open access**
http://www.biomedcentral.com/info/authors/funderpolicies

**Hardin Scholarly Publishing News**
A Newsletter for the Health Sciences Campus at the University of Iowa / Karen Fischer
http://blog.lib.uiowa.edu/scholar/

**The Trouble with Medical Journals** / Richard Smith
London: Royal Society of Medicine Press Ltd., 2006

**Medical Library Tech Trends 2007** / Wallace McLendon
http://medlibtechtrends.wordpress.com/

revamped **Medical Library Association** Website
Scholarly publishing Webcast; Social networking, etc.
http://www.mlanet.org/

**new in NCBI Bookshelf**
FROM:
Citing Medicine
TO:
Patient Drug Information from MedMaster