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Scholars Portal Project Moves into Second Phase

The first phase of the Scholars Portal project concluded in May. The seven ARL member institutions collaborating with Fretwell-Downing, Inc., (FD) on the Scholars Portal project have implemented the FD software. Arizona State University, University of Arizona, Iowa State University, and the University of Utah have launched the software campus-wide. Dartmouth College, University of Southern California, and University of California, San Diego, are starting with limited releases. Having gained operational experience with the software and having identified gaps between the current product and the vision of a Scholars Portal, participants are now beginning to identify new features that will meet the needs of research libraries. FD will develop and incorporate these new features into the product as part of their contributed three years of development to the project. The group continues to prioritize resources to be made available through the portal. The project is now completely self-managing. Mary Jackson attends Project Managers Group meetings, serving as a liaison regarding contractual and other administrative issues. A status report is available at <http://www.arl.org/access/scholarsportal/SPupdateMay04.html>.

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