

SPARC Notes

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SPARC Joins ARL and ACRL to CREATE CHANGE

SPARC has joined the CREATE CHANGE campaign as an equal partner with ARL and the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL). The campaign, launched in January, works through libraries to inform faculty about their role in solving the scholarly communications crisis. For more information, see the campaign website at <http://www.createchange.org/>.

SPARC Partners

SPARC now has 11 partners who encourage competition in the science, technology, and medical (STM) journal marketplace with high-quality, low-priced, print and web-based journals. SPARC members are encouraged to apply their purchase commitment toward support of these outstanding publications and services. Partners include:

- [Crystal Growth & Design](#), American Chemical Society
- [Evolutionary Ecology Research](#)
- [Geometry & Topology](#)
- [Organic Letters](#), American Chemical Society
- [PhysChemComm](#), Royal Society of Chemistry
- [BioOne](#)
- [Columbia Earthscape](#)
- [eScholarship](#), California Digital Library
- [MIT CogNet](#)
- [Internet Journal of Chemistry](#)
- [New Journal of Physics](#), Institute of Physics & German Physical Society

For more information, see <http://www.arl.org/sparc/>.

SPARC Membership Update

SPARC now has 181 members from across North America, the U.K., Europe, and Hong Kong. Additionally, SPARC's seven affiliates include library organizations throughout Europe and Australia. In addition to endorsements from the Association of American Universities, Association of American University Presses, National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, and others, SPARC recently received an endorsement from the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada.

SPARC has instituted a new International Supporting Membership category open to non-North American academic institutions and research libraries. SPARC's International Supporting Members will contribute U.S. \$1,000 in annual dues, with no purchase commitment required. This new membership category answers the needs of many non-North American institutions, which look to SPARC as a unifying, organizing force in their effort to respond to the high and fast-rising cost of commercial journals in the STM marketplace. Non-North American institutions are still encouraged to join SPARC as Full Members, under which terms they support SPARC partner journals through their purchase commitment. Full Members are also granted voting privileges in SPARC Steering Committee elections.

SPARC Speakers Bureau

SPARC continues to welcome contributions to the SPARC and CREATE CHANGE Speakers Bureau. Please send both your own names and suggestions for speakers (faculty, librarians, administrators, etc.) to [Julia Blixrud](#), SPARC Assistant Director, Public Programs, who is compiling the information. Also contact Julia if you are interested in a speaker for a particular event.

SPARC on Campus

Many SPARC members have begun planning campus events and have expressed an interest in learning about successful strategies. We would welcome information on programs you have already held and any upcoming programs being organized on your campus. We will include a place on the SPARC website to announce such events. We also plan to gather materials (flyers, handouts, promotional materials, etc.) from these events and act as a clearinghouse so that others might benefit from your experience. Please contact [Julia Blixrud](#), SPARC Assistant Director, Public Programs.

BioOne Update

SPARC members answered the call to help fund BioOne's development, which is now underway and on schedule. BioOne recently signed a letter of intent with Amigos Library Services, naming Amigos BioOne's exclusive U.S. marketer and distributor. Amigos will also provide full customer and user support for the U.S. market.

BioOne is scheduled for launch in early 2001. A broad selection of the journals published by many of the American Institute of Biological Sciences's (AIBS) 70 member societies will form BioOne's core offerings. BioOne's development has been spearheaded by its collaborating organizations, including AIBS, SPARC, the University of Kansas, the Big 12 Plus Libraries Consortium, and Allen Press. BioOne has been funded by SPARC and Big 12 Plus member libraries, along with other institutions that are committed to playing a leading role in transforming scientific communications.

BioOne also recently installed its first Board of Directors. Alan Covich, Professor, Department of Fishery and Wildlife Biology at Colorado State University and President of AIBS, was elected Chair of the Board. The BioOne Board is responsible for guiding BioOne's policies and progress.

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