

SPARC Notes

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IEEE & SPARC Collaborate

SPARC has announced its collaboration with the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc., (IEEE), the 350,000-member nonprofit, technical professional association, to produce the *IEEE Sensors Journal*, a low-cost, high-quality alternative to *Sensors and Actuators, A and B*.

The *IEEE Sensors Journal*, a print and electronic journal to be published bimonthly beginning in June 2001, will be a fully refereed publication with an online peer review system and electronic submission of papers. The *IEEE Sensors Journal* will cost \$395 per year for nonmember institutions and \$19 per year for individual IEEE members. The competing journal costs approximately \$4,600.

Professor Vladimir Lumelsky of the University of Wisconsin, who is currently on sabbatical at the National Science Foundation, recently was named Editor-in-Chief of *IEEE Sensors Journal*.

"IEEE is a high-quality, nonprofit publisher that's well prepared to bring a credible alternative to market," said Rick Johnson, SPARC Enterprise Director. "Moreover, they have an impressive record of publishing economical, high-impact journals. Their average institutional subscription price is about half that of all engineering titles."

Through its members, the IEEE is a leading authority in technical areas ranging from computer engineering, biomedical technology, and telecommunications, to electric power, aerospace, and consumer electronics, among others.

Geological Society of America, Columbia, & SPARC Explore New Services for Geoscience Journals

The Geological Society of America (GSA), which publishes two of the world's leading geoscience journals, is exploring a collaboration with the Electronic Publishing Initiative at Columbia (EPIC) and SPARC to launch a new electronic aggregation of major geoscience journals. The proposed collaboration would offer full texts of earth science society journals to library subscribers on the Web on a shared platform in order to reduce development costs, expand readership and functionality, and ensure competitive, library-friendly prices.

The journals would be hosted and distributed on the Internet as part of Columbia Earthscape, an award-winning web resource for the earth sciences. Earthscape has been widely hailed for its innovative integration of the research, teaching, and public policy dimensions of earth sciences. GSA's journals and those of other earth science societies would be available as a section of Earthscape, with the content of the journals fully searchable as part of the larger publication. Columbia Earthscape was developed by EPIC, a joint program of the Columbia University Press, Columbia University Libraries, and Columbia University Computing Center.

SPARC Membership Update

SPARC welcomes several new members: Case Western Reserve University, Mount Holyoke College, Loyola University Chicago, University of Technology (Sydney, Australia), Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium), Australian National University, and Haverford College. CONZUL--the Committee of New Zealand University Librarians--is SPARC's newest affiliate. CONZUL members include University of Auckland, Auckland University of Technology, University of Waikato, Massey University, Victoria University of Wellington, University of Canterbury, Lincoln University, and University of Otago.

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