

SPARC Notes

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BioOne

The product of a collaboration among SPARC, the American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS), the Big 12 Plus Library Consortium, the University of Kansas, and Allen Press, BioOne will provide Internet access—for the first time—to a common database of leading bioscience research journals.

BioOne is committed to ensuring the viability of high-impact, low-price society journals in the electronic marketplace. Despite their significance in their respective fields, few of the AIBS-affiliated journals are available electronically. Without BioOne, these under-capitalized journals are at risk of being squeezed out of the market or taken over by commercial publishers.

BioOne is geared toward the needs of libraries. Together, libraries and society publishers will determine pricing, policies, and development priorities. Access will be available in early 2000. For more information about BioOne, see the SPARC website at <<http://www.bioone.org>>. BioOne has been featured in *Science* (25 June 1999), *Nature* (24 June 1999), and the *Chronicle of Higher Education* (2 July 1999).

Partner News

Evolutionary Ecology Research

Evolutionary Ecology Research (EER) has adopted an "in press preprint" feature for articles accepted for publication. In an effort to be responsive to researchers eager to see their articles published in a timely fashion, individuals at libraries subscribing to *EER* can now read forthcoming papers after they have been peer-reviewed but before they have been copyedited and printed. This makes the article available as an "in press preprint" six to eight months before it becomes available in polished form in the journal. Authors of accepted manuscripts can take advantage of this free service immediately. Twenty-five percent of *EER*'s forthcoming papers are already accessible. To access *EER*'s in press preprints, go to the "Forthcoming Papers" section of *EER*'s web site at <<http://www.evolutionary-ecology.com/>>. *EER*'s first five issues are now online, and the current issue is available as a free sample.

Several dozen ALA Annual Conference attendees stopped by SPARC's booth to watch portions of "Research for Ransom," the KUAT-TV segment that features the story behind *Evolutionary Ecology Research*. The journal was established by editor Mike Rosenzweig as an alternative to more costly journals. If you would like a copy of the videotape, please email Alison Buckholtz at <alison@arl.org>.

American Chemical Society

The American Chemical Society (ACS), publisher of *Organic Letters*, the first journal developed through a partnership with SPARC, announced its second collaborative publishing venture with SPARC at the 218th ACS National Meeting, August 22-26. *Crystal Growth and Design*, a new journal dedicated to publishing original research on the physical, chemical, and biological phenomena and processes related to crystal growth and design of new materials, will debut in mid-2000. It will follow in the path of *Organic Letters*, which launched in July 1999.

ACS is the first major publisher to work with research libraries to offer journals at more accessible prices. *Organic Letters* and the forthcoming *Crystal Growth and Design* are the first two of three journals ACS will publish in collaboration with SPARC. Each journal features Articles ASAP (As Soon As Publishable), a publishing system developed by ACS whereby full-text articles are posted on the web as soon as they are approved by the author. Articles ASAP appear on the web weeks before they appear

in print.

For more information, see the ACS website at <<http://pubs.acs.org/>>.

PhysChemComm

PhysChemComm, the electronic-only journal focused on rapid publication of its peer-reviewed articles, has demonstrated again its responsiveness to researchers' needs. A July article by Professor Graham Fleming (University of California at Berkeley) features full color 3D interactive figures, while a recent article by Professor Jean-Pierre Hansen (University of Cambridge, UK) was published just 27 days after submission.

PhysChemComm's new tutorial feature ensures that readers can make the most of the journal's web-enhanced articles. The tutorial explains the mouse or keyboard commands that readers may use to rotate molecules for closer inspection or change the appearance of figures to show different attributes. To use the tutorial, follow the link "New to Electronic Journals?" on the *PhysChemComm* homepage at <<http://www.rsc.org/physcc/>>.

The number of people registered with *PhysChemComm*'s free email alerting service is increasing every day. The service, which is available for both subscribers and nonsubscribers, is the best way to stay informed of developments concerning the journal, such as details of published articles as they appear, and also more general news about *PhysChemComm*, such as editorial appointments. Those interested can register for the service using the Royal Society of Chemistry's online registration form.

SPARC Membership Meeting

SPARC's first membership meeting, "Opportunities for Scholarly Communications: Crafting New Models," will be held October 14-15 in Washington, D.C., immediately following the ARL Membership Meeting. The SPARC meeting is shaping up to be two days worth of energizing advocacy training sessions, interactive brainstorming, and panel discussions that will equip members to communicate SPARC's message on campus. Also, SPARC's publisher-partners will be present to discuss their progress and answer your questions, and SPARC's Scientific Communities Initiative grant recipients will be announced. For more information, see the SPARC website at <<http://www.arl.org/sparc/>>.

Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee

SPARC has received an endorsement from the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee. For more information, see <<http://www.arl.org/sparc/avcc.html>>.

New at SPARC

SPARC has appointed Julia Blixrud Assistant Director, Public Programs. In this part-time role, Julia will represent SPARC at conferences, association meetings, university programs, and a number of other forums, where she will speak out about SPARC initiatives and the scholarly communications industry. To arrange a speaking engagement, contact Julia at <jblix@arl.org>.

In a related development, Alison Buckholtz, formerly SPARC's Communications Manager, was appointed Assistant Director, Communications.



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