Director's Matters

By H. Frederick Dylla, Executive Director & CEO

Publishers give special access to patients

One important driver for expanding access to research literature is for patients to have the opportunity to learn about the latest research surrounding their afflictions and treatment. Even though the majority of medical research articles would be difficult for most people to fully comprehend, a stricken patient or concerned caregiver may be anxious to search for—and possibly study—the literature concerning the latest research developments or newly proposed treatment protocols.

At this week's Frankfurt Book Fair, a group of six medical publishers and three major scholarly publishing organizations will launch an initiative to provide such access: patientACCESS, a web portal for patients and caregivers to access the latest peer-reviewed medical journal articles for a nominal handling fee.

Two scholarly publishing associations, the Professional/Scholarly Publishing Division of the Association of American Publishers (PSP/AAP) and the International Association of Scientific, Technical & Medical Publishers (STM), are driving the collaboration with essential technical infrastructure provided by the Copyright Clearance Center (CCC).

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Publishing Matters

New leadership for Applied Physics Letters

In September Applied Physics Letters (APL) welcomed a new editor-in-chief, Reuben Collins, an accomplished materials scientist specializing in renewable energies. Properties of nanostructured and lower dimensional systems have been an underlying theme of his scholarship. Collins is a professor at the Colorado School of Mines and is associate director of the Renewable Energy Materials Research Science and Engineering Center (REMRSEC).
NBLA staff attend Society of American Archivists meeting

Niels Bohr Library and Archives staff recently attended the Society of American Archivists (SAA) annual meeting in Washington, DC. Amanda Nelson participated in a lightning round session titled “Spreading the Word: Access to Oral History Collections in the Digital Age.” Savannah Gignac presented a poster, designed by web developer, Ada Uzoma, focused on AIP’s new Emilio Segrè Visual Archives (ESVA) website and database.

Off the Press

Physics Today, October 2014 issue

Cover: In January 2006 this cosmic dust collector—a tennis-racket-sized tray tiled with porous silica aerogel—parachuted back to Earth after a seven-year stint in space. With the help of more than 30,000 citizen scientists, an international collaboration has so far discovered among the tray's contents seven grains that appear to have originated outside our solar system.

Coming Up

October 6

- “Anticipating Nobel” Development event (Bethesda, MD)

October 6-8

- Nobel Prize announcements for Physiology or Medicine (10/6), Physics (10/7), and Chemistry (10/8)

October 7

- Staff training: Email in the workplace (College Park)
October 8
  • Birthday socials (Melville and College Park)

October 8-12
  • Frankfurt Book Fair (Frankfurt, Germany)

October 9
  • Staff seminar: Collaborating for Enhanced Effectiveness; sessions: 9am-noon; 1pm-4pm.

October 14
  • Staff training: Proofreading skills and strategies (College Park)
    • ACP Art Reception (College Park)

October 15
  • ACP Flu Shot Clinic (College Park)

October 16
  • AIP Annual Milestone Presentations (College Park)

October 19-20
  • AIP Publishing 2014 Journal Editors’ Fall Conference (Melville)

October 19-23
  • OSA 98th Annual Meeting and Exhibition (FiO) (Tucson, AZ)

October 27-31
  • ASA 168th Meeting (Indianapolis, IN)