Emerald announces first open access articles through special partnership with IFLA

First articles to be revealed at the Annual Charleston Conference, held in Charleston, SC, USA, from November 3-6

Nov. 3, 2010 - <u>PRLog</u> -- United Kingdom, November 2010 - Emerald Group Publishing Limited is delighted to unveil the first articles in open access as part of its 'special partnership' with the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). Available from November 1, 2010, the fourteen articles are published in four different Emerald journals: Interlending & Document Supply, Library Hi Tech News, Performance Measurement and Metrics, and Program.

Under this agreement, papers that have their origins in an IFLA conference or project, have the opportunity to be published in one of Emerald's LIS journals and become open access nine months after publication. This special partnership takes advantage of the Emerald platform to increase the discoverability of research presented at IFLA events.

Sjoerd Koopman, Professional Programmes Director at IFLA, commented: "The relationship between Emerald and IFLA is going to bear fruit: the first articles based on papers presented in an IFLA context are now becoming available freely for all. This is an exciting development, of which the expectations are positive: we are very happy with the increased publication opportunities for authors and even more with this material to be read and used by everyone".

Mike McGrath, Editor of Interlending & Document Supply, added: "Interlending & Document Supply (ILDS) has had a long relationship with IFLA going back to the journal's ownership by the British Library. The eponymous ILDS conference is now sponsored by IFLA and so it is very pleasing to participate in the growing collaboration between IFLA and Emerald. Particularly so as an increasing number of articles will become open access giving greater access to cash strapped librarians".

This first batch of open access papers include articles originating from the Statistics and Evaluation Section's 8th Northumbria Conference (2009) and the Document Delivery and Resource Sharing Section's 11th Interlending & Document Supply Conference (2009).

The list of articles available in open access through Emerald's special partnership with IFLA is to be revealed at the Annual Charleston Conference, held in Charleston, SC, USA, from November 3-6 and can be consulted online at:

http://www.emeraldinsight.com/tk/charleston2010

The 'special partnership' was first announced at the IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Milan, August 2009. This was cemented with the signing of a formal agreement between the two organizations, which will provide the IFLA community with substantially more publishing opportunities. The opportunity to be published by Emerald will be available, not only for research produced by the various IFLA Sections, but for papers presented at the general IFLA Congress and satellite events. These papers will become open access nine months after publication.

For more information about Emerald's partnership with IFLA, contact Eileen Breen, Publisher, at ebreen@emeraldinsight.com

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