

BCR OVIDFair to Introduce New Products

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Mark your calendars for the OVIDFair scheduled for Thursday, September 11, at 10 a.m. at BCR offices in Aurora (Colorado).

OVID Technologies Inc. is offering BCR member libraries this opportunity to become better acquainted with its newest products. BCR and the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries (the Alliance) are co-sponsoring this special event. OVIDFair will be of particular interest to libraries now using databases under the Ovid interface, as well as to academic and special libraries considering electronic full-text options, especially in the areas of science, medicine and technology. As lunch will be provided, an RSVP is required to attend.

Please register by August 29 at BCR's web site (www.bcr.org) on the Workshop Registration Form, send an e-mail message to workshop@bcr.org or call BCR's Mary-Louise Tulloss at (800) 397-1552. A maximum of 80 people can be accommodated.

OVID representatives will be on hand to discuss and demonstrate two new products that are expected to be released in September. The OVID full-text initiative, an expansion of the OVID full-text collection model, has 240 additional journal titles from six major scientific, technology and medical (STM) publishers. When these titles are mounted online later in the year, OVID will have a total collection of approximately 325 journal titles available in SGML format with graphics. The journals are completely searchable (every word in the text) and are linked to bibliographic databases such as MEDLINE, CINAHL and PsycINFO.

The OVID Java Client, currently in beta testing at 10 institutions, has several important advantages for OVID and its customers. The OVID Java Client:

- Combines the best of the web graphical user interface and ease of administration with the best of the client/application model application screen design and tools, ease-of-use and speed.
- Has the look and feel of the Windows client, but is on the web.
- Is faster than both the Web Gateway and Windows client and has features such as true lateral searching not available in any other OVID interface.

