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In Reference ...

SilverPlatter New Products and Discounts

SilverPlatter recently released Elsevier's Evidence Based Medicine (EMBASE) database on both CD- ROM format and the Internet. Providing access to proven clinical information for use in treating patients and diagnosing ailments, the database includes more than 400,000 records from journals, papers and conference proceedings. It is updated quarterly and is SilverLinker-enabled.

Current FSTA SilverPlatter customers can now receive access to the Food and Nutrition Internet Index (FNII) prepared by IFIS free of charge. FNII is a fully searchable Web site which describes and indexes the most important food and nutrition resources available on the Internet. Each Internet site is evaluated for relevance and content before being included in the index.

OCLC FirstSearch Service Update

OCLC reminds libraries that WebScript versions 1.95 and 1.96 will not work with the new version of FirstSearch and recommends that libraries upgrade to WebScript 2.0. Only those libraries using scripted access are affected. Additional information can be viewed at www.oclc.org/oclc/fs_new/webscript.htm.

Ovid Online Service Changes

Beginning January 1, 2001, Ovid's Full-Screen VT-100 Interface will be the only option offered for telnet users wishing to access Ovid online. Users also no longer will be able to search using the BRS Colleague and Native interfaces. Ovid Online searchers have the option of using the feature-rich Ovid Web Gateway at gateway.ovid.com as an alternative.

APA PsycInfo Database Pricing Restructured

Pricing for the PsychInfo database will now be based on FTE rather than simultaneous user numbers, and users will be able to access this database over the Internet or on CD- ROM. Additionally, APA's PsychLit database will no longer be available.

For questions or to subscribe to any reference database, CD-ROM and on the Web, contact Jim Hensinger (jhensing@bcr.org) or Karen Graham (kgraham@bcr.org) at BCR.

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