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H.W. Wilson has joined with BCR to offer a 60-day trial and new group subscription to multiple Wilson databases. All the databases include full text.

Libraries can sign up for the BCR trial any time between October 1 and November 15. BCR's H.W. Wilson group subscription will run from December 1, 1999, through December 31, 2000; for the first year, libraries subscribing from the beginning will get 13 months' access for BCR's regular annual price. In subsequent years, BCR's Wilson group subscription will run for 12 months, January 1- December 31. Enrollment is open year round.

The BCR H.W. Wilson group subscription will provide member libraries with unlimited access to the Wilson databases they select for the same price they would normally pay for one-to-five simultaneous-user access. The databases included in BCR's group subscription are:

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- Current Biography: 1940-Present -- Covers more than 15,000 prominent individuals in 14,000 biographies and 8,900 obituaries.
- Education Full Text -- Provides access to more than 470 core international periodicals (covering all education levels) with indexing back to June 1983.
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- Readers' Guide Full-text Mega Edition -- Provides full-text coverage of 140-plus publications since January 1994 with indexing from January 1983.
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- Wilson Biographies Plus Illustrated -- Provides access to more than 46,000 biographical profiles with 26,000 images and hotlinks to related full-text articles, abstracts and index citations.
- Wilson Business Full Text -- Covers more than 490 select periodicals including full text of 240-plus.

To sign up for the trial and the subscription, fill out BCR's online forms. Go to BCR's home page (www.bcr.org), click on Reference Databases and then on H.W. Wilson. To guarantee continuous access between the trial and the start of the group subscription, please subscribe by November 15. Subscriptions starting after January 1, 2000, will be prorated on a 12-month basis.

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