NEWSLINE

MORE FULL-TEXT DATABASE SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR TRIAL

Three major new full-text services are now available for you to try through the Library's electronic database network.

These new services complement the Library's existing full-text services — *ABI/Inform* for business management journal literature, *Expanded Academic Index* for core cross-disciplinary literature in arts and social sciences, and *Computer ASAP* which covers one hundred top IT and computer science journals, magazines and trade weeklies.

[See < http://library.adelaide.edu.au/gen/edb/a2z.html > for links to these and the full range of the Library's electronic database services].

The Library has taken out a trial subscription to *Lexis-Nexis*. Long a staple for law schools in the United States, *Lexis-Nexis* is a vast system that dwarfs the Internet in scale. It covers, through over 11 000 full-text files and databases, U.S.A., U.K. and Australian case law and legislation. It also covers major news services — including *Reuters*, *Agence France Press*, *Xinhua*, *AP* and [soon] *AAP* — as well as the full text of several thousand major and minor daily newspapers published around the world. This coverage includes the *Times/Sunday Times* from 1990, *The Age*, *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Financial Review* up to mid-1996, *New York Times* from 1980 and *Washington Post* from 1977. In addition there are large numbers of files devoted to finance, economics and marketing at global, regional, national and industry levels.

The Library page describing *Lexis,* and giving University of Adelaide members information on how to access the service, is available at:

< http://library.adelaide.edu.au/gen/edb/desc/lexis.html >.

The *Lexis-Nexis* official Home Page is at: < http://www.lexis-nexis.com >.

Listings of the *Lexis* libraries are available at:

< http://www.lexis-nexis.com/lncc/sources/libcont.html >.

An alphabetic listing of all *Lexis* files is available at:

< http://www.lexis-nexis.com/lncc/sources/alpha.html >.

ACADEMIC PRESS

We have access until early 1998, on a 'free trial' basis, to the full-text electronic versions of the entire journal output of Academic Press.

You can connect automatically to the *IDEAL* site if you go to:

< http://www.idealibrary.com/cgi-bin/www.idealibrary.com_8011/iplogin >

This page also has a link to an A-Z listing of all 180 Academic Press journals covered in the IDEAL service.

It is not yet clear how expensive the *IDEAL* service will be in 1998 and beyond. The subscription cost will depend, in part, on how large a consortium of Australian universities wishes to continue with the service.

SPRINGER

Link is a service providing access to the full text of all Springer journals published from 1996 onwards. The Home Page for the service is at:

< http://link.springer.de/ >.

You can see a list of the 150 titles available through the Springer trial subscription at:

< http://link.springer.de/ol/total/list.htm >.

The Springer service lets users browse journal contents and abstracts, but requires a userid and password to actually look at the full text of articles. Please register with your Research or Branch Librarian [see < http://library.adelaide.edu.au/ual/staff/res_libs.html > for a list of staff] to get the userid/password information.

Like the Academic Press service, *Link* is a free trial service available until early 1998. From 1998, access to *Link* should still be available at least for those titles we subscribe to in paper copy, but will be restricted by setting an upper limit on the number of concurrent users who may access the system.

Both the Academic Press and Springer services assume that you have *Adobe Acrobat Reader* software loaded on your Mac or PC, as well as Netscape. Check with your local computing support staff if you are in any doubt on this point.