

Carnegie Corporation supports Vision 2010

The Carnegie Corporation of New York has awarded a \$180,000 grant for partial support of Vision 2010, an 18-month study of the implications of technological developments for higher education and scholarly communication to be conducted by the Commission on Preservation and Access and the University of Michigan School of Information and Library Studies. The project will investigate educational uses of digital technology and develop a plan for their productive use. By encouraging all interested constituencies to participate in this planning process, the project's designers hope to stimulate debate and additional research. The goal is to enable those involved in higher education to influence the creation of future education information services.

For more information contact: The Commission on Preservation and Access, 1400 16th St., NW, Suite 740, Washington, DC 20036-2217; (202) 939-3400.

Columbia University to investigate reformatting brittle maps

The Columbia University Libraries and Academic Information Systems will conduct a seven-month study to determine the most acceptable techniques for preservation of and access to oversize color maps. The project calls for digitally scanning three different formats of the same five brittle maps (the originals, color transparencies, and full-frame microfiche of the originals), then producing full-size paper printouts from the digital images. They also plan to produce full-frame microfiche from the digitally scanned images of the originals. Panels of experts will evaluate the quality and cost ef-



fectiveness of all the techniques and their conclusions will be used to develop plans for preservation of United States Geological Survey publications.

Harvard to market collection condition survey software

Surveyor, a collection condition survey software package developed by the Preservation Office at Harvard University Library, will be

available for purchase this fall. The package includes Macintosh-based customized software for creating a condition survey database and for generating the random numbers necessary for survey sample selection, plus a manual. Once a survey is completed, the software can perform quality control, tabulate results, and produce an extensive set of reports and graphs. The software can be used on a Macintosh Powerbook, making it convenient to survey volumes in situ.

For more information contact: Lisa Biblio, Harvard University Library Preservation Office, 25 Mt. Auburn Street, Cambridge, MA 02138; (617) 495-8596.

ECPA established

The European Commission on Preservation and Access (ECPA) was formally constituted in Amsterdam on March 17, 1994. Its mission is "to foster, develop and support in Europe collaboration among libraries, archives and allied organizations, in order to ensure the preservation of the published and documentary record in all formats and to provide enhanced access to the cultural and intellectual heritage." Professor Pieter J. D. Drenth, president of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, is chairman and professor Klaus-Dieter Lehmann, director of Die Deutsche Bibliothek, is vice-chairman of the ECPA Board. ■

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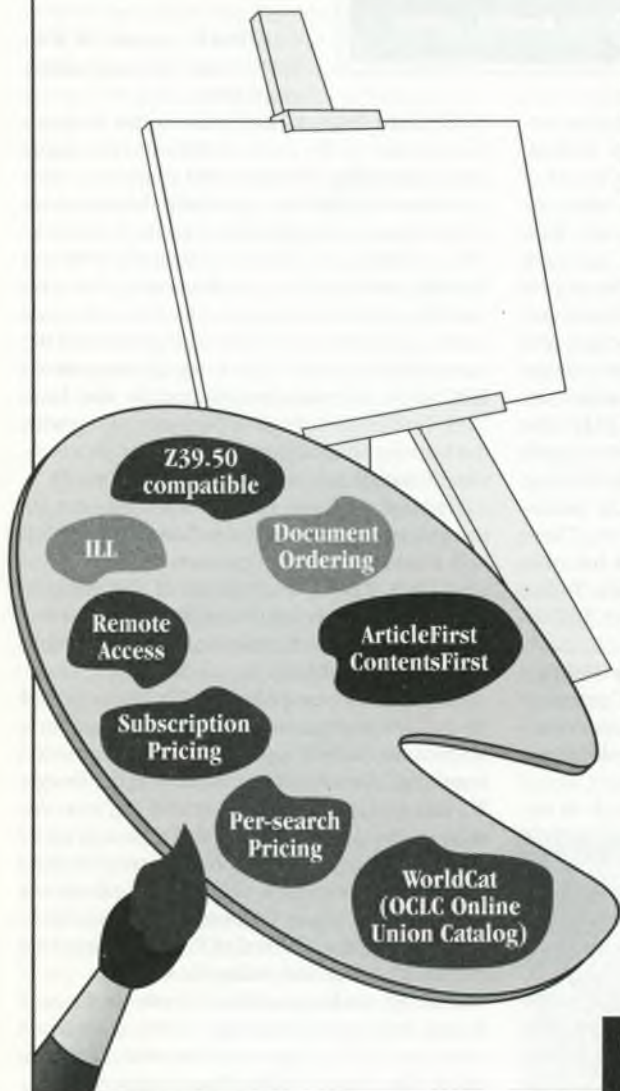
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