

News Summary – IFLA Conference 2008

On July 1, **ProQuest completed its acquisition of information technology pioneer Dialog** and named **Suzanne BeDell to lead** the company as General Manager. Now begins the exciting work of renewing Dialog's focus on the information intermediary, the importance of professional search and dedication to providing the broadest possible content sets against which to search.

ProQuest continues to enhance and expand the products librarians and their end-users rely upon for accurate, comprehensive research. Serious research is served through the unique and comprehensive content in *Periodicals Archive Online*, **which expands with the release of Collection 6 and upcoming release of Collection 7**. These new collections add to the nearly two million articles – 20% of which are non-English language -- accessible through *Periodicals Archive Online*'s robust platform and fast search engine.

ProQuest has also released the **first online version of *Documents on British Policy Overseas***, providing serious scholars in history and world affairs unprecedented access to the activities and opinions of Britain's diplomats and policymakers, from the build-up to World War I to the Cold War. Britain's Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) has partnered with ProQuest to make these materials available digitally through libraries.

In the news content area, where ProQuest is an industry leader, the company continues to **expand its diverse, international product line**. Of note, **ProQuest is adding *The Scotsman***, Scotland's newspaper of record since 1817, to its acclaimed *ProQuest Historical Newspapers*. *The Scotsman* has played a vital role in forming opinion and reporting on events, both internationally and in Scotland, for the past 200 years, and complements the coverage in *The Guardian* and *The Irish Times* and other titles in *ProQuest Historical Newspapers*. **Current news expands as newspapers from Ireland, South Africa, New Zealand, and the Middle East** – a total of 35 new titles – become available to libraries subscribing to *ProQuest International Newsstand*.

The resource students and businesspeople use for **“insider” knowledge about country-to-country cultural differences has been updated** with new country reports, sections, content and features. *CultureGrams*TM, renowned for concise and reliable cultural information on the countries of the world, now includes reports on New Caledonia, San Marino, and Vatican City in its World Edition. A variety of multimedia elements and Olympics teaching resources have been added to the Kids Edition, as well.

Getting to ProQuest's unique content is simplified through **consistent technological innovation**. In 2008, ProQuest's technological focus is on helping libraries meet their users where they are. New platform enhancements include **custom RSS feeds** that allow users to create RSS feeds for any search and most publications on the ProQuest platform. **Reference Linking** makes citations live links, allowing seamless travel between works. ProQuest also adds its **first right-to-left language with the launch of its Arabic interface**.



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ProQuest Enhances Vast Periodical Archive and Releases New Collection

ANN ARBOR, Mich., August 10, 2008 – ProQuest continues to develop its large-scale, archival periodical database solutions with the completion of Collection 6 and launch of Collection 7 of *Periodicals Archive Online*. *Periodicals Archive Online* offers unprecedented access to nearly two centuries of international, scholarly literature in the arts, humanities and social sciences. Now available, Collection 6 contains more than 1.5 million digitized pages of content. Upon completion, Collection 7 will contain full-run coverage for 75 titles including such noteworthy journals as *Islamic Quarterly*, *Journal of Church and State*, *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, and *Rural Sociology*.

“These newly digitized collections add to the depth and breadth of this multidisciplinary resource, ensuring dependable access to essential research content in the arts, humanities, and social sciences,” said Mary Sauer-Games, vice president of publishing for ProQuest’s Chadwyck-Healey unit, publishers of the archive. “They are a significant addition to the entire spectrum of ProQuest periodical databases, particularly *British Periodicals* and *American Periodicals Series Online*, because they provide electronic access to major historic journal runs that researchers need.”

Periodicals Archive Online is sought after for its unique, comprehensive content. With nearly two million articles on 13 million digital pages -- cover-to-cover contents of more than 500 titles -- it’s both a virtual library and a permanent archive of retrospective journals for the humanities and social sciences. Further,

non-English language journals represent more than 20 percent of the content, providing broad international scope. The robust platform and fast search engine provide powerful and easy searching across the vast content base.

Periodicals Archive Online is a living product, continually expanding with new collections that support scholarly research around the world. For more information, visit www.proquest.com.



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ProQuest Partners with Britain's Foreign and Commonwealth Office to Offer Behind-the-Scenes Look at 20th-Century British Diplomacy

Online Access to Documents on British Policy Overseas is a Boon for History, Government, and Political Science Research

ANN ARBOR, Mich., August 10, 2008 –ProQuest has released the first online version of *Documents on British Policy Overseas*, providing serious scholars in history and world affairs unprecedented access to the activities and thoughts of Britain's diplomats and policymakers, from the build-up to World War I to the Cold War. Until now, this valuable collection of primary source materials was only available through three different print series. Britain's Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) has partnered with ProQuest to make these materials available digitally through libraries.

"ProQuest is engaging with key public institutions to expand the range of materials that are available for academic research and to ensure their long-term sustainability," said Mary Sauer-Games vice president of publishing for ProQuest's Chadwyck-Healey unit, publishers of the archive. "We are very pleased to work with prestigious organizations like the FCO to bring this information together -- opening up this large volume of content to new avenues of investigation and vastly enhancing research."

"I am pleased that the FCO and ProQuest have been able to work together to make this historic collection of documents available online," said Sir Peter Ricketts, permanent under-secretary, Foreign and

Commonwealth Office and head of the Diplomatic Service. “It represents a major contribution to our understanding of British foreign policy in the twentieth century.”

Documents on British Policy Overseas provides online searching of tens of thousands of U.K. government documents relating to Britain’s international relations, including foreign policy instructions, letters and memos, business reports, and more. These primary source materials have been selected by the official historians of the FCO and, in many cases, have been de-classified at their request for inclusion in this series. Researchers can now use this resource to gain a more complete understanding of the tensions, motivations, politics, and relationships that shaped Europe and the world throughout the twentieth century.

This easily searchable database is the online version of three print series:

- *British Documents on the Origins of War* (1898-1914), which includes documents related to the Anglo-German tensions leading to World War I
- *Documents on British Foreign Policy* (1918-1939), which addresses post-war settlement, re-armament, and growing tensions in Europe, Africa, and the Far East
- *Documents on British Policy Overseas*, which covers topics such as atomic energy, the Korean Conflict, and the Cold War

Documents on British Policy Overseas will be updated annually with newly selected materials on additional topics. It supports other ProQuest world politics and government resources, including the Digital National Security Archive, *20th Century House of Commons Parliamentary Papers*, PAIS International and CSA World Political Science Abstracts.

About the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO)

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) promotes UK interests abroad and works with international bodies to support a strong world community. The FCO is responsible for the conduct of business with other governments and international organisations. The department is responsible for the protection of British citizens abroad through a global network of 261 embassies, high commissions and other diplomatic posts, which assist 50,000 people every year, and which promote British commercial and other interests abroad. The FCO also provides practical advice to British citizens travelling abroad and promotes British culture through the British Council, which has offices in 109 countries and the BBC World Service, with accurate and impartial broadcasts heard by 150 million people worldwide in many different languages. For more information visit: fco.gov.uk

About ProQuest

ProQuest provides seamless access to and navigation of more than 125 billion digital pages of the world's scholarship, delivering it to the desktop and into the workflow of serious researchers in multiple fields, from arts, literature, and social science to science, technology, and medicine. ProQuest is part of Cambridge Information Group (www.cambridgeinformationgroup.com).

ProQuest's vast content pools are available to researchers through libraries of all types and include the world's largest digital newspaper archive, periodical databases comprising the output of more than 9,000 titles and spanning more than 500 years, the pre-eminent dissertation collection, and various other scholarly collections. Users access the information through the ProQuest®, CSA Illumina™, Dialog® and Datastar® online information systems, Chadwyck-Healey™ electronic and microform resources, UMI® microform and print reference products, eLibrary® and SIRS® educational resources, Ulrich's® Serials Analysis System, COS Scholar Universe, and Serials Solutions® resource management tools. Through the expertise of business units Serials Solutions and RefWorks/COS, ProQuest provides technological tools that allow researchers and libraries to better manage and use their information resources. For more information, visit www.proquest.com and www.proquest.co.uk.

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The Scotsman Brings Increased Coverage of the British Isles and Wider World to ProQuest® Historical Newspapers

Scotland's National Newspaper Cross-searchable with Key Titles from Around the UK and the World

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“Newspapers have a unique ability to bring history to life,” said Rod Gauvin, senior vice president of ProQuest. “*The Scotsman* does just that by providing a matchless account of the 19th and 20th centuries through the voice of its passionate writers. We’re pleased to partner with *The Scotsman* to give unfiltered insight into world events, opinions of the time, and daily life to researchers in libraries throughout the world.”

Henry Faure Walker, General Manager, The Scotsman Publications Ltd, commented: “The Scotsman digital archive, with its huge depth of content represents possibly the best Scottish resource for anyone interested in news events over the last 200 years. We are delighted to be adding The Scotsman archive to the ProQuest portfolio and in so doing further extending the access and enjoyment of this formidable historical resource.”

The Scotsman archive provides analysis of world events at times of extraordinary change. Primary accounts provide detailed insights into the immediacy of the Empire, the Industrial Revolution, mass emigration from the United Kingdom to the U.S. and around the globe, as well as the legacy and impact of the Scottish Enlightenment. *The Scotsman* includes in-depth reporting on a range of global news events from the death of Sir Walter Scott to the death of Abraham Lincoln, from the Catholic Emancipation Bill to the Battle of Gettysburg, from the building of the Forth Rail Bridge to the crash of the U.S. stock market, and comprehensive reporting of the First and Second World Wars. *The Scotsman* is a vital source of information for Scottish/Celtic studies, world history, literature and the arts, foreign policy, conflict resolution, and migration studies. Further, the deep backfile makes *The Scotsman* a valuable resource for genealogists tracing their Scottish roots.

ProQuest continues to add U.S. and international titles to its Historical Newspapers program, developing an online primary source that not only provides the news, but also advertisements, obituaries, marriage announcements, editorials, classifieds, comics, cartoons, and more. The archives of this newly added paper are cross-searchable with ProQuest Historical Newspapers, the world's largest digital newspaper archive, encompassing more than 20 million pages dating from 1764. A core research holding in major libraries around the world, it includes such formidable newspapers as *The Guardian*, *The Observer*, *The New York Times*, *New York Tribune*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *Los Angeles Times*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Chicago Tribune*, *The Washington Post*, *Atlanta Constitution*, *Boston Globe*, *Hartford Courant*, *The Chicago Defender*, *New York Amsterdam News*, *Pittsburgh Courier*, *Los Angeles Sentinel*, and *Atlanta Daily World*.



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ProQuest® International Newsstand Widens Offering with 35 New Titles

ANN ARBOR, Mich., August 10, 2008 –Newspapers from Ireland, South Africa, New Zealand, and the Middle East are among the 35 additional titles now widely available to libraries subscribing to *ProQuest International Newsstand*. New titles include prominent newspapers such as *The New Zealand Herald*, *The Mercury*, and *The Daily Star*.

“ProQuest continues to expand its current news program and improve our international news offering to provide diverse perspectives,” said Rod Gauvin, senior vice president of publishing for ProQuest. “We are dedicated to meeting needs of researchers wherever they are and providing local news to our customers around the world.”

The latest additions to *ProQuest International Newsstand* include: *The Argus* (Cape Town, South Africa), a community focused newspaper covering issues important to the people of the Western Cape; *The Mercury* (Durban, South Africa), serving KwaZulu-Natal for over 150 years, bringing its readers top news and financial reporting; regional newspapers such as *The Corkman*, *Carlow People*, and *The Drogheda Independent*, providing local news from around Ireland; *The New Zealand Herald*, founded in 1863, reporting news from a centrist-left editorial stance on international geopolitics and a socially conservative domestic stance, and *The Daily Star* (Beirut, Lebanon), presenting news from across the Middle East.

ProQuest International Newsstand now includes over 220 newspapers. For nearly all of them, complete, full-text articles are available in the ASCII format. Each issue of every newspaper is indexed thoroughly, so researchers have access to not only top news stories but also detailed information on sports, business, and the arts around the world. Citations and abstracts are available for all articles saving researchers time. Titles in *ProQuest International Newsstand* are also available individually, so libraries can create a custom bundle that meets the unique needs of their patrons.

This database is available on the ProQuest platform, a premier information access and retrieval system. With basic and advanced searching, it is suitable for everyone, from novice researchers to experienced information professionals. Natural language searching, SmartSearch, RSS feeds, and the Topic Guide are just a few of the features that help users get to the exact information they need, quickly and easily.

ProQuest International Newsstand is one of a variety of resources aimed at offering a total news solution for libraries. ProQuest's significantly expanding news program includes extensive current news offerings containing more than 500 current newspapers from around the world, including over 350 full-text titles, and *ProQuest Historical Newspapers*TM, the world's largest digital newspaper archive, encompassing 20 million pages dating from 1764. It also includes unique delivery systems such as *Library PressDisplay*[®], which provides libraries with same-day direct access to more than 650 current international and domestic dailies in full-image, full-page format, and *Critical Mention*[®], a comprehensive web-based television and radio search and monitoring service that allows users to search, track and view critical information from over 500 U.S. and international broadcast news networks. For more information on *ProQuest International Newsstand*, visit www.proquest.com

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CultureGrams® Delivers the Insider Story on World Cultures

ANN ARBOR, Mich., August 10, 2008 – The resource students and businesspeople use for “insider” knowledge about country-to-country cultural differences has been updated with new country reports, sections, content and features. CultureGrams®, renowned for concise and reliable cultural information on the countries of the world, now includes reports on New Caledonia, San Marino, and Vatican City in its World Edition. A variety of multimedia elements and Olympics teaching resources have been added to the Kids Edition.

“These updates are part of our commitment to delivering resources that illuminate world cultures on the desktops of schools and libraries everywhere,” said Andy Bay, publisher for ProQuest. “CultureGrams allows researchers to experience the different customs and lifestyles of the world's people through the eyes of those immersed in them.”

CultureGrams has earned accolades from journalists, librarians and teachers for its unique insider perspective. Each World Edition report is written by a native or long-term resident in coordination with a CultureGrams editor. Writers are selected for their education, knowledge of a national language, experience with different regions and socioeconomic groups, recent residency in the country, and access to current information. Drafts are then independently reviewed by natives or long-term residents, with similar qualifications but varying backgrounds. The process ensures additional perspectives and insights are captured before final editing and publication.

“For nearly thirty years CultureGrams has combed the world every year for qualified citizens in each nation who convey in writing what life there is really like,” said Jeffery Ringer, director of the Brigham Young University David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies. “No one makes the effort CultureGrams does to ‘put the whole world in your hands.’”

Other CultureGrams online updates include new Native America and Cultural Notes sections in the States Edition and new reports on Iceland, Iran, Kazakhstan, and Laos in the Kids Edition. Also, downloadable video and slideshows, photos, flag and maps outlines, Olympics teaching activities, citation generator, and email text feature have been added. Additionally, the 2009 print World Edition (2- and 4-volume sets) publishes this month.

Since its beginnings in 1974, CultureGrams has become one of the most trusted and widely used cultural reference products. CultureGrams has become a favorite among school, business, military, government, and public libraries because of its insider's perspective on daily life and culture, including the history, customs, and lifestyles of the world's people. Reports cover more than 200 countries, the 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia, and Canadian provinces. Additional content includes images, maps, flags, bios, statistics, and a recipe collection that offers five authentic recipes for every country in the database.

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ProQuest Acquires Dialog
BeDell to lead Information Technology Pioneer

ANN ARBOR, Mich., July 1, 2008 -- ProQuest has closed on its agreement to acquire the Dialog® business from ThomsonReuters and named industry veteran Suzanne BeDell as Dialog General Manager. Ms. BeDell will report to ProQuest CEO Marty Kahn.

“I am thrilled about what this means both to ProQuest and Dialog and to the customers we serve. Both companies have complementary products and content that are essential to libraries and serious researchers,” said Mr. Kahn. “I’m fully confident that under Suzanne’s leadership, Dialog will be rededicated to these core markets, serving them with groundbreaking tools and technology.”

Ms. BeDell is a 20-year veteran of the publishing industry, with roles in publishing, sales, and product development at Thomson, Mosby, Inc., and McGraw- Hill. She joined ProQuest in 2001 as Vice President and Publisher and played instrumental roles in the development of such critically-acclaimed products as *Black Studies Center* and *ProQuest Central*, the world’s largest aggregated full-text database. As Senior Vice President, she has managed ProQuest’s Higher Education Publishing area since 2006.

“I’ve been a big fan of Dialog for a long time. It has a great future. I’m personally very excited about the opportunity to work with its team of professionals,” said Ms. BeDell. “Together, we’ll renew Dialog’s focus on the information intermediary, the importance of professional search and dedication to providing the broadest possible content sets against which to search.”

Ms. BeDell will maintain offices in Ann Arbor and Cary, North Carolina.

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ProQuest Technology Update 2008

New Platform Enhancements Help Libraries Meet Users Where They Are

ProQuest is known for its ability to expertly assimilate rapidly evolving technology, continuously upgrading the user experience that's delivered through the ProQuest brand search platform. **In 2008, ProQuest's technological focus is on helping libraries meet their users where they are, with platform upgrades that build end-user awareness.**

RSS Feeds – ProQuest was among the first aggregators to use RSS feeds— an easy way for librarians to create valuable, in-context links to subscription content. Now, ProQuest introduces RSS feeds as search alerts, giving users the option to define their own search criteria and create custom alerts. **End users can create RSS feeds for any search and most publications on the ProQuest platform**, plugging them into all types of web pages. Researchers stay on top of the latest news in their field and libraries broaden the visibility of electronic resources they license. Launched earlier this month, users are embracing this new service, with more than 285 feeds created each day.

Reference Linking – In July, ProQuest will launch **a major reference linking program, creating live links behind citations in scholarly journals.** These linked references will be added as new issues are published and for some backfile, as well. For both cited references and cited by references, **the user will be linked to the full text** in ProQuest collections, or via link resolver to whatever full text is available to the user. ProQuest expects continuous expansion of the journals and dates covered, including a unique offering coming later this year: **references links in dissertations and theses.** With an average of 140 citations per graduate work, this is **an intensive effort that will dramatically accelerate discovery.** Interesting supporting statistics cascade from this effort: “Cited By” counts for each article, which will identify the number and titles of works that cite a given article, will be available, providing a quick, but important, reflection of the impact of scholarly works.

Arabic Interface – The ProQuest Platform adds **its first right to left language** with the addition of its Arabic interface, bringing the total to number of interface languages to 18. In this interface, all labels, elements and search limiters are translated into Arabic and navigation bars, tabbed options, et cetera, will read right to left. Content will remain in its native language.

These interface enhancements come on the heels of one of ProQuest's most popular technology innovations: **the ProQuest search widget.** Launched at Midwinter 2008, the widget is a simple search box that supports keyword-search-and-go research. It can be placed on any and every web page where libraries want to provide direct access to ProQuest platform databases.

To learn more about ProQuest technology, visit on the web at www.proquest.com.