

Hopes and Fears for eJournals

Notes from a "Discussion Wall" capturing issues and topics raised at the meeting on March 5, 2001:

1. New features:

- { Hyper linking
- { Concept searching
- { Alerts

- What do we learn from these features?
- Impacts on readers?

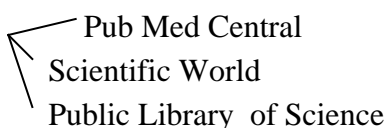
2. Hope: Make scientists' life easier. (with features and functions)

3. Fear: Weak Business model to e-publishing: smaller publishers might fail.

4. Fear: Publishers' markets transit to individuals' markets:

Does business model follow from this? → publishing retrieval

5. Libraries are regional Napsters



6. Hope: What our readers want

7. Fear: Information explosion

- Tools match increase, proliferation
- What is the rate of growth

8. Fear: Archiving problems might not be solved

9. Homogenization:

Totems of Journals

Science will be hurt

Quality will be lost

10. Massive amounts of non-peer-review

11. Managing information and applying it –is easier

12. Boosts quality of research

- Level of science/ research improves
- Online literature more visible/ more accountable
- Good/ bad revealed

13. Fear: Content aggregation

Differentiation of brand: where do we differentiate?

- Give up
- Journal identity
- Unit of analysis? Article, journals, site license, (self organization by authors)
- Content

