
MPS Technologies Responds to Library Needs with Launch of ScholarlyStats

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MPS Technologies announces the launch of ScholarlyStats, a service to assist librarians collect, consolidate and analyze their e-journal and database usage statistics reports from publishers and vendors.

As journal prices rise, librarians are increasingly under pressure to make tight budgeting decisions. ScholarlyStats has been developed to help librarians to understand and analyze their usage data and make the best budgeting decisions for the library using the valuable information provided by their usage statistics reports.

“Librarians around the world have told us about the problems and frustrations involved with the collection and consolidation of their usage statistics” said Martha Sedgwick, ScholarlyStats Project Manager, “Currently, many librarians collect, reformat and merge individual statistics reports every month from a large number of publishers and vendors. Collection and consolidation of these reports wastes large amounts of time and can be very frustrating”.

MPS Technologies has been working closely with librarians in the US, Europe, Australasia and Africa, at both consortial and institutional levels, to develop a service that will efficiently collect, consolidate and deliver usage statistics back to libraries in a single monthly usage report.

The response to this project from librarians has been very positive, and MPS Technologies will launch the full commercial service in Fall 2005.

MPS Technologies is still keen to hear from librarians interested in taking part in the beta trial for this service which is currently underway. For more details, contact scholarlystats@mpstechnologies.com.

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