

Virtual journal club launched to foster review of medical research

For Release: October 1, 2009, Richmond, VA. The Electric Book Company, LLC, and E-Science Info, a scientific information service provider, have combined resources to deliver an innovative virtual journal club for medical researchers and scientists.

The **E-Science Info Journal Club** will be moderated by Dr. Jeya Chelliah, PhD, President of E-Science Info (www.newgrantinfo.com), as he leads on-line reviews of the latest research and trends through content published by the Public Library of Science. The service begins October 1.

The Journal Club is hosted by Electric Book Company, LLC, (www.electricbook.net) a provider of state-of-the-art community portals that combine document management, team-based review, and collaborative commentary services for business, industry, and academia. Electric Book technology allows members of global communities to annotate and share selected citations of any number of journals or research documents – extending and enhancing the conventional approaches currently in use.

“This opens up a new opportunity for us to serve the scientific community”, according to Dr. Chelliah. “The on-line Journal Club provides a new venue for our company to deliver valuable information services to researchers while fostering collaborative dialog on a global level.”

Under the E-Science Journal Club process, Dr. Chelliah will conduct monthly webinars discussing recent topics covered by literature published by the Public Library of Science (www.plos.org), an organization that distributes scientific literature under the Open Access guidelines of information distribution. Other publishers will be added to the program over the next several weeks.

The monthly webinars are then supplemented with the posting of the research articles within a forum specially designed to allow community members to post messages that highlight selected text, images, or data sets included in the research. The innovative approach significantly enhances the effectiveness of on-line dialog by bypassing the need for special purpose software or the awkward practice of exchanging documents as e-mail enclosures.

“We are delighted to be working with E-Science Info to enhance the community-based approach to discussing topics that are critical to the advancement of medical research”, according to Mr. Ken Feldt, President of Electric Book Company. “Dr. Chelliah's commitment to combine information with critical dialog is a fresh approach that will well-serve his Company's subscriber base.”

The program will eventually be extended to include 'podcasts' and other methods of audio distribution of current research.

“The web seminar service provide unique opportunity for scientists to *listen* to the high impact scientific papers”, according to Dr. Chelliah. “This combination of delivery tools provides a unique way of disseminating scientific information.”

The service is open to all E-Science Info subscribers; a public registration site also allows members of the public to register and participate in the community discussions at escienceinfo.electricbook.net.

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