

Hundreds of New E-Journals Announced

The University Libraries have added 650 electronically accessible journals, including many titles new to our collections, through subscription to a service called ScienceDirect. Links to these titles, which include such critical titles as *Biochemica et Biophysica Acta*, *Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering*, and *Composite Structures*, are made from our electronic journals page at <http://www.lib.vt.edu/research/ejournals/index.html>.

This initiative, made possible through collaboration with the libraries of several of the Commonwealth's leading institutions, will ultimately include 1,150 journals from Elsevier, the world's largest publisher in science, technology, and medicine, as well as several complementary online resources. The collection includes some social science and humanities titles. The 500 titles not currently available to us will be added soon.

In the coming months we will:

- ❖ send you further updates on special features of ScienceDirect;
- ❖ arrange for-training sessions for you and your students;
- ❖ begin to catalog the titles in Addison.

In the meanwhile, please look for these titles from our web site. Please send any questions or comments to your college librarian or Paul Metz, pmetz@vt.edu.

Based on a pilot survey, "LibQual," that we conducted with several other research libraries last spring, we know that Virginia Tech respondents see the issue of the ability to deliver electronic publications to their desktop as the source of the biggest gap between what the library now delivers, and what they would like the library to be able to deliver to them. We are pleased that with the addition of ScienceDirect to our other electronic journals we can now give you access to more than 2,900 full content titles. ScienceDirect helps us to shape the kind of library you have said you want.