

## Summary of Current UIA Activities (July 2001)

### PUBLICATIONS AND CD-ROM

**Yearbook of International Organizations:** Regular editing and publishing of the 38th (2001-2002) edition is complete with the exception of the new 450 page Volume 5 on Statistics, Visualizations and Patterns (out in November). This will include an extensive range of images of networks of organization, problems and strategies.

The annual edition of the Yearbook CD-ROM will appear in October

**Who's Who in International Organizations:** Work on a new 3-volume edition is being initiated in October for completion mid-2002

The quarterly 350-page **International Congress Calendar** and the journal **Transnational Associations** continue regular publication.

### ONLINE DATABASES (at <http://www.uia.org/data.htm>)

Since November 2000, our databases for international organizations, world problems, strategies, human development and human values have been online and interlinked – extensive access is free of charge. Organization data is made available under subscription.

The databases have been successfully switched to a new server. Much effort has gone into increasing the security features against different forms of abuse.

Users can now provide comments on specific profiles which are immediately integrated into the database for access by other users.

We are in process of completing the online version of the international meetings data.

A new computer proof process has been developed to communicate with international organizations profiled in the Yearbook. A notable feature is that it gives each organization a unique password enabling them to consult their own entry on the web -- as well as that of any organization to which they refer as collaborators. It offers organizations a way of using the Yearbook free of charge.

Users can now sponsor editorial work on single entries or on whole databases through online payments. This micro-sponsoring facility is an extension of our new online payment facility.

Discussion fora have been created for users (at <http://db.uia.org/forum/default.asp>).

We are pleased with user response from around the world to these facilities. UIA information services are widely indexed by web search engines.

## MULTIMEDIA

As a means of increasing access to UIA online information by a wider variety of users, visualization and sound techniques have now been incorporated and are in process of development (see <http://db.uia.org/scripts/sweb.dll/examples>)

We are now able to produce high-quality, poster-sized, multi-colour maps of networks of problems, organizations or strategies for use in conferences. Smaller versions have been printed on T-shirts and other products to give visibility to the online facilities (<http://www.uia.org/visuals>).

## NEW PROJECTS

In July 2000 we completed the final phase of our major (1997-2000) project on *Information Context for Biodiversity Conservation* (see [www.ecolynx.org](http://www.ecolynx.org)).

In parallel with continued low-cost online access, we are considering production of a new hardcopy version of the 3-volume **Encyclopedia of World Problems and Human Potential**.

Continuing attention is given to the opportunities for research contracts under the EU IST Programme.

In addition to data contracts from universities and Associate Members, the UIA produced under contract the statistical tables for the new **Global Civil Society Yearbook** of the LSE Centre for Civil Society.

We are working on introduction of a sophisticated networking package to enable our various external editorial collaborators to work directly on our in-house system.

The main UIA website is being extensively revised and redesigned. Users can now obtain automatic translations of pages into 8 languages (Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, and Portuguese). We hope to extend this to the database profiles.

## DOCUMENTS AND PAPERS

Many new research papers are now accessible on the UIA website ([www.uia.org/uiadocs](http://www.uia.org/uiadocs)). Older papers, notably from **Transnational Associations**, are progressively being scanned to make them accessible on the web.

Articles in current issues of **Transnational Associations** are increasingly made available online.

Consideration is being given to scanning of UIA's historical (1910-1925) publications on civil society to permit web access.

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NB: A web summary of UIA's knowledge management work is available (at [www.uia.org/uiaprof/posie3.htm](http://www.uia.org/uiaprof/posie3.htm))