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Editorial



It's all about people.

Technology, good ideas, execution... they all matter in business, but at the end of the day it's the people involved who make the difference between success and failure. Finding them, working with them, motivating them, rewarding them, collaborating with them, and even retaining their knowledge when they leave.



Across our publications this month, we're looking at people in different ways. The Web has opened up possibilities for finding people, identifying connections between them, and understanding what makes them tick. This issue's Tipples offer some resources for understanding donors in context (for more information, see also the recent FUMSI article on Prospect Research <http://web.fumsi.com/go/af/2638>).

ResourceShelf and VIP also pick up the theme: ResourceShelf's Resource of the Week highlights web-based resources for finding and connecting with people, and the latest issue of VIP provides an in-depth review of BoardEx (a specialty product for understanding the composition of corporate boards) as well as an overview of the resources within database vendors for information about executives.

In FUMSI, our editors offer up articles that look at the softer side of people. In the Use practice area, Contributing Editor Tim Buckley Owen interviews Dame Lynne Brindley of the British Library and Janice Lachance of the SLA -- two CEOs with a lot to say about the value of collaboration, of finding people with whom you can work and then creating the next great idea together. And in Manage, author Rebecca Sanders provides first-hand insight on how organisations can better cope with the problems that can arise when knowledge walks out the door with leaving employees.

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My Favourite Tipples

by Nancy Faughnan

In my role as a prospect researcher for a university, my most useful skill is keeping sources somewhat organised in my head, where, if synapses are firing, I can retrieve information quickly, or at least get a sense of where to start looking. Organising material intuitively is every researcher's task. Some of my favourite places to find what I need are:

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The days of deep winter can often bring on bleak thoughts, so it's little wonder FreePint Bar members are wondering about funerals as well as market reports. Have a look at highlights below, and then pop over to the Bar for help with your research conundrums.

- Luxembourg may be well documented as being a tiny nation and having high suicide rates, but one FreePint Bar member is having difficulty finding information on companies incorporated in the country. Luckily for him, several other posters have come to the rescue with a notable collection of resources for finding company information. Look to <http://www.freepint.com/go/b232534> for a nice list.
- Anyone with a pet is likely to know how easy it is to treat the animal as a member of the human race. But does it work the other way around too? One British dog may wish to pay its respects at a human memorial, but the person making funeral arrangements is fuzzy on the acceptance of four-footed friends at crematoria. If you have unique insight, weigh in, but if you don't, read anyway. It's interesting: <http://www.freepint.com/go/b236349>.
- A discussion of the merits and detractions of Datamonitor has cropped up on the Bar <http://www.freepint.com/go/b237614> with some valuable input. Find out more on the Bar, and also look at VIP's review of the product http://www.vivavip.com/vip/Sample_VIP_30.pdf.
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The overview article covers executive research offerings from the following vendors:

- Bureau van Dijk Electronic Publishing (DASH)
- Capital IQ
- D&B
- Datamonitor
- Factiva Companies and Executives
- Hemscoff (Directory of Directors)
- Hoover's
- idExec
- LexisNexis (Directory of Corporate Affiliations, ExecRelate)
- OneSource
- Silobreaker

The value of social networking sites (LinkedIn, Visible Path and ZoomInfo) is also explored, with a comparison of key features.



Editor Pam Foster also takes a close look at BoardEx, a specialty product for research on corporate boards. She cites some of the benefits of the product as follows:

- Research staff who validate publicly available information and update daily
- Extra layer of information in board members who serve simultaneously
- Powerful analysis tools enable custom reports and creation of 'peer group' lists

Limitations of the product include the fact that it covers mainly public companies, though private companies are slowly being added. Additionally, the coverage is mainly Western companies (UK, US, Western Europe and increasingly Australia and Canada).

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28 - 29 April 2008

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