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People searching is the most common online activity, so *VIP* is kicking off the New Year with an issue devoted to this very theme. Of course, *VIP*'s coverage doesn't extend to services that just search for anyone; rather it looks at a mix of products that help you search for executives, and offers guidance on which are the best to help you analyse a company's Board, create lists of directors and other personnel, and compile and examine executive networks.

The main review covers *BoardEx*, a niche product that analyses Boards and their members. Most products base their measures of corporate performance upon financial analysis but *BoardEx* bucks the trend by focusing on decision makers as the vital element essential for evaluating the Board, management and key employees of quoted companies. As you'll see when you read the review, *BoardEx* offers lots of analysis tools, enabling you to research an individual's history and performance record, their networks and compensation. *BoardEx* looks to be an important product that deserves wider recognition.

When it comes to being ready for Web 2.0, it's essential that information practitioners keep a beta mind set and learn by just engaging with it. Sound advice indeed from Lynne Brindley, Chief Executive of the British Library. This month, both Lynne and Janice Lachance, Chief Executive of the SLA, share their thoughts on what each of their institutions has to offer in the Web 2.0 era. Read inside what these two important individuals have to say from both sides of the Pond.

January is usually a sluggish month for news but if the start of 2008 is anything to go by, it looks like there's another exciting year ahead. There's already news of several acquisitions; an important new product covering India; the possibility of Google offering customised magazine publishing; and maybe a change of heart by Rupert Murdoch regarding a free *WSJ.com*. Oh and that old rumour that the *Financial Times* may be about to be sold has reared up again. As well as bringing you the latest news, *VIP* is increasingly offering analysis and comment from well known information professionals such as Tim Buckley Owen and Jenny Zhan. This month they cover a wide range of topics ranging from social network hype, compliance issues, information sharing, the difficulties involved in accessing public sector information, and much more. Read their insightful comments in the *In Scope* section inside this issue.

Please keep looking for announcements at the *VIP Lounge* regarding future plans for reviews and topics to be covered. And if you have any ideas of your own then please let me know.

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