

HighWire Announces Appointment of Managing Director Tom Rump and New Investment from Stanford

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HighWire Press is pleased to announce that Stanford is renewing its commitment to HighWire's success through a significant investment over two years. HighWire will focus on driving innovation and further increasing operational efficiency. Working closely with HighWire's leadership team, Michael A. Keller, University Librarian and Founder/Publisher of HighWire, has realigned the organization's management structure and appointed Tom Rump as Managing Director.

"HighWire has been the industry leader for over 15 years and now is the right time for Stanford to facilitate a period of rapid growth and progress," said Michael Keller. "Tom Rump is the ideal choice to build on HighWire's success."

Tom's role will be to strengthen HighWire's management processes and further develop its strategic plans. Tom's career encompasses senior positions throughout the technology value chain. His most recent post was as General Manager of Wolters Kluwer company CT Summation Solutions, which provides software and Software as a Service (SaaS) solutions supporting enterprise content management, e-Discovery and litigation for Law Firms, Corporations and Government. During his four-year tenure, Tom drove the company strategy and delivered to the market a suite of products that garnered numerous industry awards and high customer satisfaction.

HighWire is also pleased to announce that Mark Calomeni has joined HighWire as Director of Engineering. Mark has a rich background in software engineering and R&D management, with experience ranging from large companies (Hewlett-Packard) to small. Mark's most recent position was as Senior Vice President, Systems Engineering at nexTier Networks, Inc.

John Sack continues on as HighWire's Founding Director. John will focus on market assessment, client relations, technology innovation, and the kind of thought leadership and industry-forward thinking that has defined HighWire's mission since 1995. "This couldn't have come at a more opportune time," said John. "With the investment from Stanford and experienced new leadership, HighWire will be able to leapfrog ahead in key areas of innovation."

Through the investment from Stanford University Libraries and leadership of Tom Rump, HighWire Press will accelerate its current platform and product development programs to speed the pace of innovation in key areas, as well as continue to build operational efficiencies. The combination of these two parallel efforts will ensure that HighWire continues to achieve its mission: to see independent scholarly publishers thrive.



About HighWire Press

At the forefront of strategic scholarly publishing, HighWire Press provides digital content development and hosting solutions to the scholarly publishing community. A division of the Stanford University Libraries, HighWire has partnered with influential societies, university presses, and other publishers since 1995 to produce the definitive online versions of high-impact, peer-reviewed journals, books, reference works, and other scholarly content. The distinguished HighWire community shares ideas and innovations in publishing through regular meetings, an active discussion forum, and through the service of its highly qualified staff.

The underlying infrastructure of HighWire's electronic publishing platform is Web-services-oriented, flexible, and permeable, allowing publishers to easily layer new software and services to their sites that will meet the ever-changing needs of today's online readers.

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