ACCESS TO RESEARCH IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD
WHAT IS RESEARCH4LIFE?

The concept of Research4Life is simple: research in support of quality of life is better informed when it is based on the most recent, high quality and relevant scientific knowledge.

However, until some ten years ago, the demand for scientific literature in developing countries had gone unfulfilled with hundreds of thousands of researchers, academics, students, and practitioners struggling to gain access to current scientific information.

While practitioners and students were unable to access the literature and acquire the knowledge they needed, researchers and academics were confronted with mounting difficulties in conducting their research, updating their teaching curricula, and publishing their findings in peer-reviewed journals.

Research4Life is the collective name for four public private partnerships which seek to help achieve the UN’s Millennium Development Goals by providing the developing world with access to critical scientific research.

Research4Life empowers universities, colleges, research institutes and government ministries as well as non-governmental agencies, extension centres and hospitals with access to scientific knowledge that was never before imagined.

Since 2002, the four Research4Life programmes have given people at more than 8000 institutions in over 115 countries and territories in the developing world free or low cost access to up to 79,000 peer-reviewed international scientific journals, books, and databases provided by the world’s leading science publishers.

What’s available?

- Online access to up to 79,000 peer-reviewed international scientific journals, books, and databases
- Full-text articles which can be downloaded for saving, printing or reading on screen
- Searching by keyword, subject, author or language
- Resources available in several languages
- Training in information literacy and promotional support
In medical work and in training and in research, information is something very crucial… We need to know what is done elsewhere. Before we knew about HINARI and Research4Life, finding information was very difficult. HINARI helps us to have the data we need in real time. We just have to go to the website, do the appropriate search and download the resources that are there. It solves the problem of training and treating patients.

Dr. Mohamed Jalloh, Urologist, Dakar, Senegal
HELP & SUPPORT

Training and Outreach

In order for librarians and researchers to make the best use of the resources provided, we understand the importance of training and effective promotion of the services.

The partners are committed to providing appropriate long-term training on the use of online resources and more. A range of training modules produced by the partners and field-tested by librarians and information managers from many developing countries are available online.

Eligibility

Publicly funded non profit institutions in most low and middle income countries are eligible to register for access to the Research4Life content. A detailed list of qualifying countries can be found at http://www.research4life.org/eligibility

Please note that for some countries there are some exceptions to eligibility for certain titles. In addition, the eligibility of countries, areas, and territories will change as their development indicators change. If you have any questions regarding technical details and requirements please email the relevant contact:

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RESEARCH4LIFE PARTNERS

The Research4Life programme is a public-private partnership between WHO, FAO, UNEP, WIPO, Cornell and Yale Universities, and more than 200 science publishers facilitated by the International Association of STM Publishers. The partnership’s goal is to reduce the gap in scientific knowledge between industrialized countries and the developing world.

If you are an interested in becoming a partner or you are an institution seeking research support please get in touch.
Launched in 2002, Hinari is managed by the World Health Organization in partnership with Yale University Library and over 150 global publishers.

6200 institutions in 115 countries have already registered for access to Hinari, which provides access to over 13,000 peer-reviewed journals covering medicine, nursing and related health and social sciences. It also includes many databases, indexes and reference books, as well as journals in several languages. The journals can be searched through a special and easy-to-use version of PubMed (Medline).

For further information visit www.who.int/hinari or email hinari@who.int
Thank you very much for accepting our registration to use the online AGORA journals. I believe that this is the bridge that will give our scientists the chance to update their research.

Institute of Marine Environment and Resources, Viet Nam

Launched in 2003, AGORA is managed by the Food and Agriculture Organization in partnership with Cornell University and over 60 publishers.

Over 3100 institutions have registered for access to AGORA which provides access to over 8100 high quality international journals covering agriculture, fisheries, food, nutrition, veterinary science and related biological, environmental and social sciences. The journal can be searched using a special subset of CAB Abstracts.

For further information visit www.fao.org/agora or email agora@fao.org
Launched in 2006, OARE is managed by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in partnership with Yale University and more than 60 publishers. 3000 institutions are now registered for access to these journals which can be searched through a number of abstracting and indexing databases.

OARE provides access to more than 10,000 scientific journals covering a wide range of disciplines contributing to our understanding of the natural environment, including environmental toxicology and pollution, zoology, botany, geology, climatology, geography, environmental economics, environmental law and policy, environmental biotechnology, energy, and many other disciplines.

OARE will play a key contribution to our knowledge of the natural environment...[and] stimulate better resource management geared to empower our efforts to fight poverty and create human livelihood.

Minister of Environment in Sudan

For further information visit www.unep.org/oare or email oare@unep.org
The ARDI program is coordinated by the World Intellectual Property Organization together with its partners in the publishing industry with the aim to increase the availability of scientific and technical information in developing countries. By improving access to scholarly literature from diverse fields of science and technology, the ARDI program seeks to:

- Reinforce the capacity of developing countries to participate in the global knowledge economy
- Support researchers in developing countries in creating and developing new solutions to technical challenges faced on a local and global level.

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