

ACCESS TO RESEARCH IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD

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ABOUT RESEARCH4LIFE

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.

Since 2002, the Research4Life initiative has given people at more than 6000 institutions in more than 100 countries and territories in the developing world free or low cost online access to more than 17,000 peer-reviewed international scientific journals, books, and databases provided by the world's leading science publishers.

What is Research4Life?

- 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.
- 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.
- Research4Life is empowering universities, colleges, research institutes and government ministries as well as non-governmental agencies, extension centers and hospitals, with access to scientific knowledge that was never before imagined.
- Together the four programmes, HINARI, AGORA, OARE and ARDI, form Research4Life which provides developing countries, areas, and territories with free or low cost access to academic and professional peer-reviewed content online.

What's available?

- Online access to over 17,000 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
- Resources which enable researchers to Investigate emerging trends, establish hot research topics and identify potential research collaborators

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, is available online and on CD-ROM.

Eligibility

Publicly funded not for 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 on our web site at www.research4life.org/institutions.html

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 hinari@who.int or agora@fao.org or oare@oaresciences.org or ardi@wipo.int



RESEARCH4LIFE PARTNERS

The Research4Life programmes are a public-private partnership between WHO, FAO, UNEP, Cornell and Yale Universities, technology partners such as Microsoft and more than 190 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 interested in becoming a partner or you are an institution seeking research support please get in touch: visit www.Research4Life.org or email info@research4Life.org

HINARI Research in Health

Over 5000 public institutions are registered for access to HINARI, which covers over 8500 peer-reviewed journals, over 7000 online books as well as many databases, and indexes. An easy-to-use version of PubMed (Medline) also enables searching all journals. Launched in 2002, HINARI is managed by the World Health Organization in partnership with Yale University Library and over 150 global publishers. For further information visit www.who.int/hinari or email hinari@who.int

OARE Research in the Environment

Launched in 2006, OARE is managed by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in partnership with Yale University and more than 75 publishers. 2200 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 4500 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. For further information visit www.oaresciences.org or email oare@oaresciences.org

AGORA Research in Agriculture

Launched in 2003, AGORA is managed by the Food and Agriculture Organization in partnership with Cornell University and over 70 publishers. Over 2500 institutions have registered for access to AGORA which provides access to over 3100 high quality international journals covering agriculture, fisheries, food, nutrition, veterinary science and related biological, environmental and social sciences in public institutions across the world. The journals can be searched using a special subset of CAB Abstracts. For further information visit www.aginternetwork.org or email agora@fao.org

ARDI Research for Innovation

The ARDI program joined Research4Life in 2011 and is coordinated by the World Intellectual Property Organization together with its partners in the publishing industry. ARDI aims to improve developing country access to scholarly literature from primarily the fields of engineering and technology. In so doing, 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. Currently, 12 publishers provide access to over 200 journals through the ARDI program. For further information visit www.wipo.int/ardi or email ardi@wipo.int

