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**ITOCA** (Information Training and Outreach Centre for Africa) is Africa's leading librarians training organization based in Africa. It is a capacity building organization aimed at enhancing information and communications technology (ICT) skills for African librarians, information specialists, scientists, researchers and students in Sub-Saharan Africa. Formerly, TEEAL Africa Office (Albert R. Mann Library TEEAL programme for Africa). The organization, which has professionals in 3 countries (Nigeria, Zimbabwe) and liaison contacts in 35 was established in Feb. 1999 as a marketing and support office for Cornell University in Africa. It has trained over 1,000 information professionals in 33 Sub-Saharan Africa countries in the last seven years. It is backstopping from the TEEAL and AGORA projects at Mann Library (Cornell University) and FAO, and the HINARI project at WHO, has a mandate to carry out outreach and training activities that promote the successful adoption and implementation of these three programs throughout Africa.

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## NEWS

### **Partners extend HINARI, AGORA and OARE life in line with MDG goals!**

A recent independent review showed that the programmes are making a big impact on teaching and learning in the targeted countries and as such, the partner organizations working with AGORA, HINARI and OARE are committed

to continue the three programmes at least until 2015 in line with the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals. With the future of the programmes secured for another 9 years work is continuing to improve the programmes for the benefit of users. One area already receiving great attention is the authentication of users which will eliminate log in problems which institutions were experiencing.

Lets join hands in thanking the partners for a very positive move that continues to avail valuable services to institutions in developing countries. Please pass your comments on this historic development to [itoca](mailto:info@itoca.org)

### **Free Animal Health Resources Web Sites**

Librarians using their information seeking skills can help their clients identify sites that provide free information. A lot of time and money and in most cases limited bandwidth is wasted by clients because they do not know where to start in their search for information. By providing links through your websites, you are getting the job half-done for your clients! In this issue we feature a link of free Internet resources providing quality-animal-health-related information put together by the librarian at the Cornell University- College of Veterinary Medicine <http://www.vet.cornell.edu/library/freeresources.htm>

### **22 New Journals in LanTEEAL**

The 2006 annual update of LanTEEAL --available in December 2007-- will include at least 22 new journals covering a wide range of topics from community health to vegetable crop production. Five publishers are contributing the new content and efforts continue to encourage other publishers to participate with LanTEEAL journals and further enrich the TEEAL collection.

Here are the journals, with most including back content to the 1990s! Thanks to the following publishers for their generous contribution:

- BMJ Publishing Group  
*Archives of Disease in Childhood*  
*Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*  
*Medical Genetics*
- Community Development Society

- *Journal of the Community Development Society*
- Haworth Press
  - Journal of Applied Aquaculture*
  - Journal of Crop Improvement (formerly Journal of Crop Production)*
  - Journal of Herbs, Spices & Medicinal Plants*
  - Journal of International Food & Agribusiness marketing*
  - Journal of Natural Fibers*
  - Journal of New Seeds*
  - Journal of Sustainable Agriculture*
  - Journal of Sustainable Forestry*
  - Journal of Tree Fruit Production*
  - Journal of Vegetable Crop Production*
  - Small Fruits Review*
- NRC Research Press (Canada):
  - Biochemistry and Cell Biology*
  - Genome*
  - Journal of Environmental Engineering and Science*
- Tri-Societies (American Society of Agronomy/Crop Science Society of America/Soil Science Society of America):
  - Agronomy Journal*
  - Crop Science*
  - Journal of Environmental Quality*
  - Soil Science Society of America Journal*

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### **HINARI Website**

The HINARI website is currently under-going some upgrading to make access to resources easy for you. The current "login" page shows the OARE logo and not HINARI. Please ignore this and just enter your institutional HINARI username and password. If you have any problems with logging in please don't email [hinari@who.int](mailto:hinari@who.int)

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## OUTREACH AND TRAINING

### **Africa University hosts first HINARI/AGORA/OARE Workshop**

The first Training of Trainer workshop incorporating Online Access to Research in the Environment (OARE) of the United Nations Environment Programme which was launched late last year was held at Africa University, Mutare, Zimbabwe from 20-23 March 2007.

The workshop which drew a total of 31 participants from the areas of health, agriculture and environment comprised researchers, lecturers, librarians, medical doctors, librarians, IT Specialists among others. This workshop was the first in a series funded by Rockefeller Foundation under the theme " Strengthening Information Literacy in Higher-Education and Research in Agriculture, Environment and Health in Southern Africa".

The workshop introduced the attendees to the AGORA, HINARI, OARE and TEEAL programs; their teaching environments; showed participants how to take advantage of the programs' features and the electronic resources in their collections; provided hands-on experience on how to use and access the resources. The four day workshop endeavored to empower the attendees with the prerequisite skills to maximize the program resources, to organize similar training workshops/seminars at their institutions and on how to publicize and encourage the use of e-resources by their clientele and peers.

Wilson Yule a Researcher/ Writer with the Southern Africa Research and Documentation Centre (SARDC) Environment Unit had this to say about the workshop:

*"This was a very fruitful workshop that will have a very positive impact on my work. More of such w*

*should be held through out Africa so that researchers can benefit from these invaluable resources"*

## HELP DESK

### Having a problem with HINARI Link in PubMed?

We have had a number of instances where users fail to retrieve articles using the HINARI Link in PubMed when they go via the A-Z alphabetical listing of journals they are able to retrieve the article. Please note that this is a technical problem that can be fixed. Should you experience this problem we advise the following:

1. If there is a HINARI link in PubMed, and the article doesn't allow access, note the details and try to access it via the alphabetic (A-Z) list of titles.
2. If you encounter a problem like this, even if you manage to access the article via the A-Z list of titles, please email [hinari@who.int](mailto:hinari@who.int). It is best if we get the full citation, but if that is too much trouble, tell us the name of the journal, and the year.

#### TEEAL

TEEAL (The Essential Electronic Agricultural Library) program [www.teeal.org](http://www.teeal.org) is an innovative scholarly scientific database developed for agricultural and natural resource scientists, lecturers and students in developing countries by Cornell University in association with the Rockefeller Foundation, NY, USA. TEEAL, available on CD-ROM and on a hard disk that can be put on your Local Area Network, gives access to full-text articles from the world's leading publishers.

#### AGORA

AGORA (Access to Global Online Research in Agriculture) is an online program [www.aginternetwork.org](http://www.aginternetwork.org) that gives educational, government departments and not-for-profit organizations, in selected developing countries instant online access to over 900 journals in agricultural and natural resource sciences for free. Led by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in collaboration with Cornell University, WHO and the Rockefeller Foundation, the goal of AGORA is to increase the quality and effectiveness of agricultural research and training in low-income countries and in turn, to improve food security. Researchers, policy-makers, educators, students, technical workers and extension specialists need access to high-quality, relevant and timely agricultural information via the Internet.

#### HINARI

The Health InterNetwork Access to Research Initiative (HINARI) [www.who.int/hinari](http://www.who.int/hinari) is part of the United Nations Health InterNetwork and is coordinated by the World Health Organization (WHO) as the lead agency. It is a collaboration between the WHO, publishers and research content owners intended to provide biomedical and health care research and guideline information to non-profit academic and research institutions, governmental and policy making departments in low income countries. Access to this information will generally be provided in most cases free by the Publisher, to institutions in many countries with a Gross National Product (GNP) per capita of US \$1,000 or less, as reported in the World Bank Report, December 1999.

#### OARE

Online Access to Research in the Environment (OARE) [www.oaresciences.org](http://www.oaresciences.org) an international public-private consortium coordinated by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Yale University, and leading science and technology publishers, enables developing countries access to one of the world's largest collections of environmental science literature. Over one thousand scientific journal titles owned by over 200 prestigious publishing houses, scholarly societies, and scientific associations are now available in 70 low income countries. A further 100 countries will be added by 2008. Research is provided in a wide range of disciplines, including biotechnology, botany, climate change, energy, environmental chemistry, environmental economics, environmental engineering and planning, environmental law and policy, toxicology and pollution, geography, geology, hydrology, meteorology, oceanography, urban planning, zoology, and many others.

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