New homes for TEEAL through Rockefeller Foundation funding

The Rockefeller Foundation through a grant helped 8 institutions in Sub Saharan Africa to either acquire a new set of TEEAL or update their TEEAL collection. Ever since its launch in 1999, TEEAL has played a major role in agricultural research in Africa by availing current literature to researchers in different parts of Africa. Rockefeller Foundation has been a key partner in the development of the program and its distribution to deserving institutions particularly in Sub-Saharan Africa. The following institutions benefited from the recent grant, Moi University, Kenyatta University and University of Nairobi of Kenya, Chitedze Research Station of Zambia; Agricultural Research and Extension (ARET) of Malawi, the Ministry of Agriculture of Mozambique; Institut des Sciences Agronomiques du Rwanda (ISAR), and University of Zambia. Of the 8 beneficiaries, 5 got new TEEAL sets and 3 got TEEAL Updates. ITOCA and the whole TEEAL family would like to congratulate these institutions on this award and hope that this resource will go a long way in meeting their organizational goals through access to current agricultural information.

TEEAL 2004 Annual Update Now Available

We are excited to announce the imminent release of the TEEAL 2004 annual update, which also marks the first LanTEEAL annual update. For those who have already ordered the 2004 update, on CD or for LanTEEAL, please provide your current shipping information to ensure that the shipping process goes as smoothly and as quickly as possible. LanTEEAL subscribers, please note our question to you about delivery options for the new journal content. For those who have not yet ordered a 2004 update, we invite you to do so now at the low cost of USD$1000. CD subscribers contemplating a switch to LanTEEAL, note that you may be eligible for a discount on the Base Set (1993-2003).

Quotable quotes from 2005 training workshops

"This training workshop has removed most of the barriers I have been facing in accessing published literature to enable me pursue my specific research interests. It is advisable for one to have access to both AGORA and HINARI in view of the fact that some issues in health and Agriculture are cross cutting. Some journals publish contents of relevance to both agriculturalists and health personnel. A case in point is that I had attempted to locate an article form a journal entitled Nature Reviews Genetics from HINARI, where it wasn't available, but on searching the AGORA website I was able to locate this article among the list of journals. This article was about gene duplications among humans. This finding emphasized the link between AGORA and HINARI."

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"In the 90's, our libraries went through a dark period, when access to the latest journal literature was almost impossible due to many reasons including inadequate funding. As a result, our researchers may have lost the thirst for the latest knowledge. But now, with excellent access to excellent journal literature, that thirst must be acquired again! And it can be satisfied!"

Prof. George Kanyama-Phiri, Principal-Bunda College of Agriculture during closing ceremony of the AGORA/HINARI workshop- 28 th July 2005, Malawi

I appreciate the gesture by publishers to avail their publications on HINARI/AGORA. This is not only giving to poor countries but has a long term pay-off. As we discover more journals that will publish our work, publication and research will increase. They will see more articles from Africa.
We hope to hear back from you soon. Also, please visit our new, improved website for updated information on TEEAL and LanTEEAL:
http://www.teeal.cornell.edu/.

AGORA/ HINARI News

More journal titles added to HINARI and AGORA

Ever since the launch of AGORA (www.aginternetwork.org) and HINARI (www.who.in/hinari) the number of journals accessible through these programmes continues to grow giving access to an unimaginable amount of current literature to qualifying institutions in the developing countries. Through the HINARI and AGORA portals, researchers, lecturers and students in developing countries now have access to over 3000 and 700 journals respectively. More and more publishers are joining this worthy cause that is aimed at bridging the information divide between the rich and poor nations.

Since June 2005, a total of 253 journal titles have been added to the HINARI collection and 14 new publishers have joined since the beginning of the year. The ITOCA office (www.itoca.org) which carries out training and outreach work for the programs in Africa has been ‘on the road’ in Sub Saharan Africa making sure that more and more institutions not only know about these initiatives but are trained on how to effectively use them. The year 2005 saw the ITOCA team doing training and outreach in the following countries Cameroon, Congo Brazzaville, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Feedback received from users of these initiatives show their great appreciation for these programmes (see article entitled “Quotable quotes from 2005 training workshops”).

HINARI Training and promotional materials now available from website

The HINARI training materials which were originally distributed on CD are now also available from the HINARI website under the training page http://www.who.int/hinari/training/en/

These training materials cover all the modules included on CD and give a complete package of HINARI training. If you have any comments/ questions, please do not hesitate to send us an email.

Also available from the HINARI website are promotional materials that you can print for your institution. These promotional materials are a good marketing tool and will go a long way in publicizing the wealth of current scholarship available to your

Dr Stephen Gichulu
Lecturer,
University of Nairobi , Dept. of Ophthalmology , Kenya

“You don’t know how much I’ve (personally) benefited from this workshop, moreover free of charge. Apart from computer knowledge, I've learnt HINARI and feel like a very experienced librarian. Also I think even other computer literate people should also be taught how to use e-resources from various sites even if not medical or agricultural”

Nambooze Josephine
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“The course is an opportunity I can not afford to miss -despite the political disturbances currently going on .”

Dr. Samuel Menbere, an Animal Scientist from Sirinka Agriculture Research Centre, Ethiopia who only managed to arrive a day before the end of the 3-day workshop due to riots.

Helpful Tips

When reporting a problem with AGORA, HINARI or TEEAL, we often ask you to describe the problem or error message as much as possible for our technical team to be able to help you. In this issue we are going to look at how you can also use features on your computers to help you capture error messages.

The Print Screen is one function that can help you capture your error message. To use this function follow the few steps below:

Option 1
To copy the entire screen:

1. Open the window or dialog box you want to copy
2. Press the Print Screen Key (Prt sc) and it copies the entire window including the taskbar and the desktop
3. Open Microsoft word
4. From the edit menu choose paste

Option 2
To copy just a window or dialog box:

1. Open the window or dialog box you want to copy
Institution in the area of biomedical and related social sciences. The materials available include a HINARI poster, information sheet, leaflet and bookmark. Feel free to print as much as possible and help spread the word around!

OUTREACH AND TRAINING

Ethiopia Workshops Go Ahead

Despite the recent disturbances in Addis Ababa the scheduled two back-to-back AGORA/HINARI Training-of-Trainer courses for Ethiopia were successfully held on 2nd-4th & 7th-9th November 2005 at the International Livestock Research Institute Campus (ILRI). A total of 35 participants ranging from medical doctors, researchers, librarians, lecturers, and IT specialists were trained. The participants are expected to run similar training sessions at their respective institutions. Participants came from as far as Gondar, Makelle and Sirinka by road - spending two to three days on the road to reach the workshop. Dr. Samuel Menbere, an Animal Scientist from Sirinka Agriculture Research Centre, who only managed to arrive a day before the end of the 3-day workshop said, “The course is an opportunity I can not afford to miss - despite the political disturbances currently going on.” One of the librarians summed up the mood of the participants and had this to say about the training: “I am happy and I now know more and I believe I will be in a position to give better services to my researchers and staff. My thanks to the organizers.” The Ethiopia courses were the fifth in a series of country focused AGORA/HINARI workshops that are bringing together participants from the agriculture and health fields. The next workshop is scheduled for the Great Lakes Region to be held in Butare, Rwanda and this will also draw participants from Democratic Republic of Congo and Burundi.

Funding and Resource Guide for African Students

For students wishing to apply for fellowships, plan ahead. Application deadlines are often at least one year in advance, and some deadlines listed here may change. Allow sufficient time to request, receive, complete, and submit applications. Due to the advancement of technology, many of the following opportunities allow one to apply online. And websites are the best source for current information......more

Feedback

In our endeavour to provide you useful information, we would greatly appreciate if you tell us your views and comments.

Your feedback and views of the e-newsletter are very important to us. For your view and comments, click here.

TEEAL
The Essential Electronic Agricultural Library (TEEAL) a project of Cornell University’s (www.cornell.edu) Albert R. Mann Library is a full-text and bibliographic CD-ROM library of over 140 of the world’s most important scientific journals in the field of agriculture. It is available well below cost to over 100 low-income food deficit countries around the world.

AGORA
Access to Global Online Research in Agriculture (AGORA) is an FAO-led initiative in partnership with major science publishers, Cornell University and the World Health Organization (WHO) among others to provide free access over the Internet to current journals in agriculture and related sciences to public institutions in eligible developing countries. www.aginternetwork.org

HINARI
Health Inter Network Access to research Initiative (HINARI) is a WHO-led initiative that provides free or very low cost online access to almost 2500 major journals in biomedical and related social sciences to nonprofit institutions in developing countries such as teaching hospitals, government offices, universities, research institutes and professional schools. www.who.int/hinari

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