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## Information Philanthropy Initiatives

Helping Scientists & Researchers Worldwide

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## INTRODUCTION

For all of us at Elsevier, one of the most gratifying aspects of our work is helping to increase global access to the enormous amount of scientific, technical and medical information produced by our community of authors, editors, reviewers and Elsevier publishers. Our books and journals play a particularly important role in the developing world, where information resources are scarce but knowledge about health, the environment, food and agriculture is critical to economic development and human welfare.



David Ruth

Since developing countries can least afford information resources, Elsevier has taken a number of steps to bridge the gap. In partnership with other publishers, we are founding members of Research4Life, three programs – HINARI, AGORA and OARE – that make our journal articles available for free or at very low cost to institutions in developing countries. On July 10, 2007, the WHO, FAO, UNEP, Yale, Cornell, Elsevier and more than 100 STM publishing partners formally extended their commitment to the HINARI, OARE and AGORA initiatives – recently branded as Research4Life – through 2015. Together with technology partner, Microsoft, the Research4Life coalition strives to reach 6 of the UN's 8 internationally agreed Millennium Development Goals by 2015.

Additionally, we support other philanthropic initiatives that focus on getting information resources into the hands of libraries and researchers in the developing world. These include Book Aid International and The Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical

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Physics. Further, we work with the library community internationally to help train researchers, physicians and educators on how to use the Research4Life tools, as well as similar programs to which they have access. And, through the Elsevier Foundation, we help libraries in the developing world to expand and preserve their information resources, often through partnerships with libraries in the developed world. These efforts have two-way benefits.

Not only do they bring vital information to whole groups of institutions and users, they also open the door to greater scholarly contribution from researchers and scientists in the developing world.

Professionals and researchers already benefiting or likely to benefit from these programs include medical educators, lecturers and tutors seeking to improve research capacity and education in a wide range of disciplines; public health researchers and policymakers working to adopt the best clinical practices and treatments; clinicians and researchers working in preventative medicine, STDs, HIV/AIDS, cervical cancer and malaria; and field researchers working to develop new agricultural practices, stop deforestation and pollution, and eradicate sleeping sickness. Scientists, academics and practitioners working in these areas and located in developing countries consistently report that their access to STM information has the power to transform their work and their capacity to contribute to the scientific record.

All of us in STM publishing can be proud of successful philanthropic partnerships, such as those described in this pamphlet, and the impact they will continue to have on the advancement of science, health and development in emerging regions. In the following pages, you can find details on specific philanthropic programs and learn how to get involved in these programs or benefit from them.

Kind regards,

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Elsevier, New York, NY, USA

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## Research4Life: HINARI

Through the HINARI Access to Research Initiative, developed by the World Health Organization and its partners, public institutions in developing nations receive free online access to major journals in the biomedical and related social science fields. Among founding publishers involved since HINARI launched, Elsevier is the largest contributor of content.

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 HINARI  
ACCESS TO RESEARCH

When I first discovered HINARI in 2003, I was in my last year of general medicine training at the Faculty of Medicine at the Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar (UCAD) in Sénégal and was preparing my dissertation on the clinical aspects of prostate cancer in Sénégal. The most difficult part of conducting the study for my dissertation was getting access to medical references, because my fellow researchers and I had to order these references, the price of the articles was expensive and the articles arrived only after delays.

With our use of HINARI, however, starting in 2003, everything became wonderful. We were able easily and quickly to access peer-reviewed articles and could download references we needed. And that is what I did for many of my references. HINARI has brought a great advantage in terms of saving money while making available high-quality peer-reviewed articles. In my current position in the Department of Urology, we train many medical students who prepare their dissertations. I train them in the use of HINARI (as well as PubMed) and assist them in finding references.

At the end of 2006, I was preparing my dissertation for the end of my residency training in urology at the UCAD Faculty of Medicine. The topic was “Radical Prostatectomy: Short-Term Outcomes in My Department.” And I must say that HINARI was once again very helpful.

Here are the two most important reasons:

- HINARI provided easy and quick access to references. It took less than one hour to download references from HINARI.
- The most important journals in urology were available in HINARI. These included the Elsevier-published titles *The Journal of Urology* and *Urology*.

### HINARI Quick Facts

- Founded in 2001
- 3,475 institutions in 108 countries are participating
- More than 160 publishers
- Of the over 6,316 HINARI journals, 25% are from Elsevier
- Elsevier journals are available in 83 of the HINARI countries
- *The Lancet* ranks as the most downloaded Elsevier title

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Of the references I used for my dissertation in 2006, 13 of the 15 cited publications were available through HINARI. Almost all the journal articles I cited came from HINARI journals. The remaining references are mainly from books and I was so happy, and I still express my gratitude to all those who made this happen.

— **Dr. Mohamed Jalloh, MD**,  
Consultant Urologist,  
FWACS Department of Urology,  
Hôpital Général de Grand Yoff, Dakar, Sénégal



Dr. Mohamed Jalloh (standing) trains coordinators of West African blindness prevention programs in the use of HINARI in 2006.

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## Research4Life: AGORA

Through Access to Global Online Research in Agriculture (AGORA), researchers, policymakers, educators, technical workers and extension specialists receive access to high-quality information in agriculture and related fields. Inspired by HINARI's success, the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization worked with publishers and established AGORA. Elsevier is among AGORA's founding publishers and provides beneficiary institutes with access to ScienceDirect, the same extensive database of online journals that is provided to institutes benefiting from HINARI and OARE.

 [www.aginternetwork.org](http://www.aginternetwork.org)

As co-Editor-in-Chief of *Agricultural Systems*, and in my work for the International Livestock Research Institute of Nairobi, Kenya, I recognize the importance of a healthy network of scientists and agricultural experts dedicated to improving agricultural systems in developing nations.

AGORA opens many doors for effective networking and scientific communication. By making the latest journals and research available in developing countries, AGORA allows scientists in these lands the opportunity to participate in, and benefit from, scientific discourse about agricultural systems and management. This, in turn, helps propel development forward. And in regions like sub-Saharan Africa, participation in this progress is of vital importance. Exposure to the wealth of information and high-quality journals within ScienceDirect serves a number of crucial needs among communities in developing lands. First, by providing the very best examples of scientific papers from prominent scientific publishers, authors in developing nations have first-hand examples of the appropriate way to develop, submit and publish scientific papers. AGORA offers access to the world's best examples. In addition, for regions like sub-Saharan Africa, the latest knowledge can help determine potential solutions to the tremendous problems of poverty, food security and environmental sustainability in that region. AGORA also provides developing nations with access to key information that was

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previously unavailable to them. Social, economic and political roadblocks continue to make it difficult for scientists to conduct high-quality research and to access up-to-date data and information. In lands where print journals are often too costly to subscribe to and too problematic to disseminate, technology is bringing the best scientific resources to those who can use it to its full benefit. Mobile telephones are now widely available, and Internet access is improving all the time, to the point where it will soon be available in every region of the world, no matter how remote. Such technology is having considerable impacts on the day-to-day logistics of doing science in many of these regions.

Advances in agricultural science are rarely huge, revolutionary changes. Most often, they are incremental improvements to existing theories and methods. AGORA is helping scientists in developing nations to contribute more effectively to this ongoing dialogue. In this and many other ways, AGORA is helping promote a scientific culture of inclusion, rather than isolation, of communication and support, rather than exclusion. This can only benefit agricultural studies specifically, and the scientific community as a whole.

— **P.K. Thornton**,  
co-Editor-in-Chief, *Agricultural Systems*

*Agricultural Systems* is an international journal that deals with interactions - among the components of agricultural systems, among hierarchical levels of agricultural systems, between agricultural and other land use systems, and between agricultural systems and their natural and social environments. In particular, its aim is to encourage integration of knowledge among those disciplines that underpin agriculture. Many contributions are therefore multi- or inter-disciplinary.

### AGORA Quick Facts

- Founded in 2003
- Close to 1,705 institutions in 95 countries are participating
- 46 participating publishers
- Seven other participating partners — academic, governmental and nongovernmental organizations, and private foundations are participating
- Of the 1,843 core journals, 39% are from Elsevier
- Elsevier journals are available in 83 of the AGORA countries

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*A group of agricultural researchers, participating in a HINARI/AGORA workshop, discusses how to apply marketing skills. The workshop, co-sponsored by MLA, Librarians Without Borders and ITOCA, was held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, in 2007.*

## Research4Life:OARE

Online Access to Research in the Environment (OARE) launched a new global partnership. Managed by the United Nations Environment Programme and Yale University, in conjunction with the International Association of Scientific, Technical and Medical Publishers, this partnership involves leading Science & Technology publishers as well as many of the world's most prestigious scientific societies, associations and foundations. OARE provides access to peer-reviewed environmental science journals for public and non-profit environmental institutions in the least-developed nations.

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ONLINE ACCESS TO RESEARCH IN THE ENVIRONMENT

Through constant interaction with people who live with wildlife in areas outside parks, the African Conservation Centre has come to understand and appreciate the critical role of these communities in the conservation of wildlife and other natural resources. ACC, a regionally focused nonprofit nongovernmental organization based in Nairobi, conducts research related to ecology and wildlife conservation and addressing the emerging issues of human-wildlife conflict and best practices in wildlife and community-based conservation. The purpose is to save African wildlife through sound science, local initiatives and good governance. Recently, we've been carrying out several studies in the South Rift area of Kenya.

Through work undertaken by scientist Ken Mwathe, we've begun reestablishing old elephant routes in the South Rift. Literature review using material sourced from OARE publications informed us of similar elephant studies elsewhere and enabled us to refine a suitability model we were developing using ARCGIS®, a geographic information system software. We've made great progress in producing a first draft of an elephant suitability map of the South Rift. The ultimate goal is to plot out areas most suitable for elephants, their wet and dry season movement pathways, potential sanctuary areas and potential areas of highest conflict with human settlements and agriculture.

### OARE Quick Facts

- Founded in 2006
- 1,300 institutions are enrolled
- 108 countries are eligible
- 60 publishers are participating
- 400 scientific societies, associations and foundations are participating
- 2,988 journals are accessible via the program
- More than 1,100 Elsevier journals are available
- Downloads from Elsevier journals are available in 83 OARE countries

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Another South Rift study that has benefited from OARE publications involves surveys of human-wildlife conflict that were part of Ken Mwathe's master's thesis, which he successfully completed. In fact, he graduated from the University of Nairobi in December 2007, thanks at least in part to being able to compile a comprehensive literature review from various citations of journals accessed through OARE.

My own work in managing the information science program at ACC and providing spatial analysis tools to all the departments and individuals at ACC has benefited greatly from OARE. This is a technical field requiring access to information on remote sensing and geospatial technologies. OARE has given me access to current and cutting-edge information on developments in the application of remote sensing tools in the management of natural resources. This has been an area previously out of reach for me as such information in the developing countries is limited, expensive and scarce. I consider myself very privileged to have access to first-world information from my desktop.

OARE has changed our lives. Thank you for this powerful resource.

—**Lucy Waruingi**, Head of GIS /ICT,  
African Conservation Centre,  
Nairobi, Kenya



*Ken Mwathe (second from left and kneeling) prepares to collar the elephant Lorna in Kenya's South Rift area.*

"Literature review using OARE publications gave us information about similar elephant studies elsewhere. We've made great progress in producing a first draft of an elephant suitability map of the South Rift."

## Research4Life: FAQs

### Q: What is Research4Life?

**A:** The Research4Life programs are unique, cooperative public-private partnerships (PPPs) between UN agencies, STM publishers, universities and university libraries, philanthropic foundations and technology partners. They include Elsevier programs HINARI, AGORA & OARE.

### Q: How do I know if my library qualifies for access to Research4Life?

**A:** Publicly funded and non-profit institutions in most countries with an annual per capita gross national income of less than USD \$1,250 can gain free access to journals in these collections. Publicly funded and non-profit institutions in most countries with an annual per capita GNI of between \$1,250 and \$3,500 can gain access for a nominal annual fee per institution. For a list of generally eligible countries and more information regarding access, visit each initiative's website. The term "generally" is used, because all participating publishers, including Elsevier, exclude certain countries from accessing content. Only by contacting each initiative or publisher can you learn which countries may be excluded by each publisher.

### Q: If my institution qualifies for HINARI/AGORA/OARE access, what support could we receive?

**A:** Training modules are available on CD-ROM and, for HINARI, via the program's website. To obtain CDs with training modules, send requests by email. Find the email addresses on this page.

### Q: What are the technical requirements for accessing HINARI/AGORA/OARE content?

**A:** Users need computers connected to the Internet with a connection rate of 128K baud or higher. The HINARI/AGORA/OARE system works with Internet Explorer Version 6.0 or higher and equivalent browsers. Users also need a recent version of Adobe Acrobat Reader to access journal articles in PDF. The reader is available for free at [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com).

### Q: HINARI had some access issues in the past, have they been solved?

**A:** Yes. HINARI has had problems with its authentication system. Microsoft has stepped forward and delivered replacement servers and software. HINARI and the other programs now have an effective and permanent solution to their authentication system. Countries benefiting from HINARI – launched in 2001 and providing journal access since 2002 – have seen a massive increase in the number of authors publishing in international peer-reviewed journals, well in excess of the increase seen in the remaining nations of the world. When looking at the number of authors publishing in peer-reviewed journals over the five-year period 2002–2006, we see 38% growth for non-HINARI countries but 63% growth for those signed up to HINARI. When looking at the number of authors publishing in peer-reviewed journals over the five-year period 1997–2001, we see a growth rate of 20% for both sets of countries. I reached these conclusions by examining counts of authors from each country and year. –Dr. Andrew Plume, Senior Publishing Information Manager, Research & Academic Relations, Elsevier, Oxford, UK

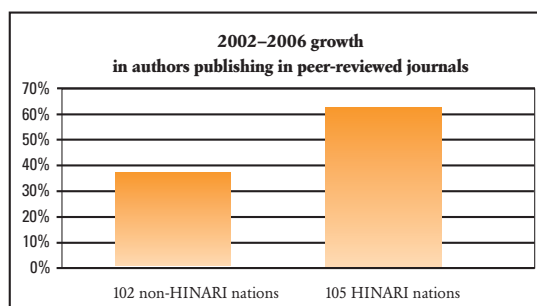
### Q: Does Elsevier sponsor initiatives to stimulate authorship in developing countries?

**A:** Yes. The Elsevier Foundation includes the New Scholars Program, which offers grants to support promising young scientists and healthcare practitioners. Speaking more generally, studies have shown that participating in Research4Life stimulates research in developing countries which, in turn, generates papers.

### Q: How can we gauge the importance of Research4Life?

**A:** One way is to look at scholarly output in nations with HINARI/AGORA/OARE access. While a cause-and-effect relationship can't be established, such access may be a factor in a nation's increase in scholarly output.

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## Book Aid International

Book Aid International promotes literacy in developing countries by creating reading and learning opportunities for disadvantaged people. Through partnerships with Book Aid International, Elsevier sponsors library growth in developing countries by donating surplus stock of print publications and supporting additional donation programs.

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In 2006, a poverty-stricken mother brought to us her one-year-old child, born in a refugee camp. She thought her son was dying. We feared we might not be able to save him, but he miraculously responded to treatment, recovered and went home a month later. When he arrived, he was suffering from malnutrition, aggravated by severe diarrhea and vomiting. Upon admission, he was dehydrated, unconscious and too weak to swallow, which is why he had a nasogastric tube inserted. He was given intravenous fluid replacement and treatment for diarrhea. More than anything, he needed food. While the child was at our hospital, Noura Salah Hussein, the student nurse shown in the photo, made sure that his IV and nasogastric tube didn't come out, he was kept clean and dry, and, above all, he was comforted and given love. All the medical care given this very sick child was based on training our nurses received here at the hospital, training supported by textbooks that include titles donated by Book Aid International.

The child lived because he received the best care available in Somaliland. Our hospital is our nation's first nurse training school, and sets a high standard of patient care. We doubt he would have survived if he'd been taken elsewhere. A professional midwife, I founded this maternity hospital in 1998. I still run the hospital, which is located in Hargeisa,

Somaliland. In 1999, I began training midwives at the hospital and so launched the first midwifery course offered in Somaliland in 17 years. Since the course began, Book Aid has supplied texts – virtually impossible to obtain locally – for our students and staff. The materials provided by Book Aid have played an essential role in creating new midwives. These trained midwives are now working to reduce the alarmingly high rates of maternal and infant mortality that affect Somaliland's rural women and their babies. The student nurse who helped save the life of the boy shown in the photo was among our second group of students, trained between 2003 and 2007. The hospital has a Reference Medical Library and Computer Lab where medical students can receive training. Any health worker in Somaliland can use the library and medical books donated by Book Aid. Good-quality health information equips everyone – from a doctor to a mother – to look after their health, provide better care for patients and loved ones and prevent disease. A book on health can save a life.

– **Edna Adan Ismail**, Director, Edna Adan Maternity Hospital, Hargeisa, Somaliland

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### Book Aid International Quick Facts

- Founded in 1954
- 17 nations have benefited from Book Aid programs
- At least 2.5 million people in sub-Saharan Africa have benefited from Reed Elsevier's support of Book Aid
- Reed Elsevier has donated over USD \$200,000 to Book Aid
- Over 50,000 books in 2007 and 500,000 over the past 5 years came from RE
- Almost 10% of Book Aid's book donations in 2007 came from RE
- The "Bring a Book to Work Week" initiative, collecting over 8,000 books worldwide at workplaces over the last 4 years, was pioneered by RE

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*Noura Salah Hussein, a student nurse in 2006 and now on the staff at Edna Adan Maternity Hospital, cares for an ill baby who beat the odds and survived.*

*"All the medical care given this very sick child was based on training our nurses received here at the hospital, training supported by textbooks donated to us by Book Aid International."*

## The Elsevier Foundation

Making grants and contributions throughout the world, the Elsevier Foundation is funded by Elsevier and reflects the company's culturally diverse, global organization. The foundation provides two grant programs. The Innovative Libraries in Developing Countries Program provides grants to improve the capacity of developing world libraries through training, infrastructure, technology, digitization and preservation of STM information. The New Scholars Program provides grants to support the academic and research community's efforts to help researchers and scientists balance childcare and family responsibilities with demanding careers in science and technology.

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THE ELSEVIER FOUNDATION

Shira Tabachnikoff, Director of Corporate Relations, explains the Foundation's primary objectives:

"We support access to and advancement of scientific, technical and medical knowledge that improves overall quality of life."

In 2008, the Foundation worked in two primary areas: New Scholars and Innovative Libraries. The New Scholars program enables scholars to balance childcare and family responsibilities during the early stages of their demanding careers in science and technology. The grant winners represent a range of international institutions pioneering new approaches to childcare, mentoring and networking. The Innovative Libraries program provides funding for scientific libraries in developing countries. "Initiatives that partner with libraries in developed countries are given special consideration, due to the long-term support those partnerships can provide," says Tabachnikoff.

For instance, in 2006, the National Information Technology Park (NITP) of Mongolia received a grant to digitize all doctoral theses and research reports and establish a medical information database. This project marked the first digitization of medical

information in Mongolia and has resulted in this information being accessible to scientists, students and the general public.

Tumurbaatar Naranchimeg, NITP Deputy Director-General, explains: "Previously in Mongolia, access to medical knowledge was limited because medical research materials were available only in paper form. Our achievements in establishing the medical information database are all thanks to the Elsevier Foundation and its support of innovative efforts to make STM information widely accessible in developing countries."

Tabachnikoff adds: "By focusing on these areas, we're able to make an impact on two major obstacles in scientific advancement – and we make a real difference in the individual programs we fund." The Foundation receives hundreds of grant applications each year, of which only a few can be selected.

In February 2009, the Elsevier Foundation announced a total of \$555,000 in new grants to ten institutions from around the world, selected for their innovation and potential for impact in the developing world and the academic workplace.

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### Elsevier Foundation Quick Facts

- Founded in 2003
- The foundation offers two grant programs: the Innovative Libraries in Developing Countries Program & the New Scholars Program
- In 2008, the foundation awarded 10 grants totaling USD \$555,000 to institutions around the world
- The 2008 grantees were selected from over 165 applications
- The foundation also offers a matching gift program, which doubles Elsevier employees' qualifying charitable donations

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*The NITP team scans medical documents for Mongolia's first medical information database.*

## The Elsevier Foundation

“From all the worthy applicants, the selection committee must decide which have the most sustainable long-term plans and the greatest chance for success,” Tabachnikoff continues. “We also look for programs that address universal needs and serve as role models for other institutions.”

The grants also include the newly launched Nurse Faculty Mentored Leadership Development Program, a three-year partnership. The program seeks to create a new model for mentoring new nurse faculty in partnership with Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI), the leading global professional nurse organization. Mentoring has been found to be a critical factor in the retention and advancement of nursing faculty (for both mentors and their protégées). The program will focus on the Assistant Professor level and strive to establish new standards and competencies for nurse leaders.

The wide variety of library- and family-focused 2008 grants has common elements. They are small in scale and aim to address specific needs. “Unfortunately, our funds are limited, so we aim to have as much impact as possible on a local level.”

All Foundation grants go to programs that make genuine contributions to the scientific community. “For example, our New Scholars grants specifically address the challenges that women scientists face in balancing a demanding career with their own personal, family goals. That way, we can have a direct effect on individual lives, and on the scientific community as a whole”.

### THE ELSEVIER FOUNDATION

## Elsevier Foundation FAQs

**Q:** What kind of support does the Elsevier Foundation offer libraries?

**A:** The Foundation’s Innovative Libraries in Developing Countries Program supports libraries’ efforts to enhance the quality of life in developing countries by advancing knowledge in science (including the social sciences), technology and medicine.

**Q:** How does the Innovative Libraries in Developing Countries Program work?

**A:** The ILDC Program provides grants (covering from one to three years) to libraries in developing countries worldwide and organizations supporting these libraries. These grants provide funding to improve library infrastructure, technology or information services to enhance libraries’ ability to make STM information available to researchers, clinicians, students, policymakers and the public. The program also provides funding to enhance or expand library resources through digitization or preservation of information and training for library staff, students and researchers.

**Q:** How do libraries in the developed world participate?

**A:** Through the ILDC Program, the foundation encourages partnerships between libraries in developing countries and institutions in developed countries. Partner institutions in the

developed world provide technical assistance or training to their library partners in developing countries. Partner institutions in the developed world include libraries, societies, universities, inter-governmental organizations and other non-profit organizations.

**Q:** What is the New Scholars’ Program?

**A:** The New Scholars Program supports the academic and research community by funding efforts to help balance childcare and family responsibilities with demanding careers in science and technology.

**Q:** Who chooses recipients of Elsevier Foundation grants?

**A:** For each of its two funding programs, the Foundation has an independent external board of expert reviewers that evaluates proposals and makes recommendations to the Foundation Board.

**Q:** How often are Elsevier Foundation grants available?

**A:** Each year, the Foundation announces its funding rounds. Check the Foundation’s website for details. The most recent recipients were announced in February.

## 2008 Innovative Libraries in Developing Countries Grants

### ■ Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China

The groundwork for China's first real-time virtual reference system.

### ■ George Washington University Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library, Eritrea

To aid in identifying opportunities and barriers for dissemination of health information services to Eritrean healthcare professionals.

### ■ Centre International de Reference "Chantal Biya" (CIRCB), Cameroon

Developing a central library system to collect, document and disseminate relevant HIV/AIDS research.

### ■ Aysa Abed Library BRAC University, Bangladesh

Implementation of a complete library automation system using open source software to enrich the infrastructure.

### ■ Association for Women in Science (AWIS)

Development of an educational/support program for early-to-mid-career women in science, technology, engineering & mathematics.

## 2008 New Scholars' Grants

### ■ American Physical Society

Provides childcare grants to young physicist parents at the APS' large annual spring meetings.

### ■ University of the Pacific, Stockton California and Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington New Zealand

Provides an integrated approach to childcare and mentoring needs at the Evolution conference.

### ■ European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO)

Subsidized, multi-lingual, on-site childcare services at 2009 conference venues in Amsterdam & Barcelona.

### ■ Maternal and Childcare Union Tbilisi Georgia

Creating a framework of national issues, capacities, mentoring and support for women scientists in Georgia.

## Additional Initiatives

In addition to the information philanthropy initiatives already highlighted in this pamphlet, Elsevier participates in many others. Examples of Elsevier's additional ongoing projects can be found below. One-time, Elsevier-sponsored initiatives include a 2006 donation of medical textbooks to hospital libraries throughout Iraq, and the 2005 "A Book In Your Name" program, through which 80% of Elsevier employees donated books to 10 libraries in Africa, Asia and South America.

Further, at the end of library conferences, Elsevier donates remaining books to local non-profits. If you'd like to suggest information philanthropy initiatives for Elsevier to consider, please write to [foundation@elsevier.com](mailto:foundation@elsevier.com).

### The Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics

Through the ICTP's pioneering eJournals Delivery Service, individual scientists in developing countries receive free access to Elsevier journals in physics, mathematics and computer science. Registration is free and can be done by mail or fax, and all applications are reviewed for approval. The application form is available on the eJDS website.

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### International Council of Nurses Mobile Library

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[www.icn.ch/mobile.htm](http://www.icn.ch/mobile.htm)



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<https://www.ivsl.org>



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[www.patientinform.com](http://www.patientinform.com)

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