There are now over 3000 public institutions registered to access HINARI, AGORA and OARE in more than 100 countries in Africa, Latin America, Asia and Europe. The programs are closely tied to the United Nations’ Millennium Development Goals and will be continued at least until 2015. These initiatives represent a truly global public private partnership for development, providing essential information for life to those who need it most.

- Access to thousands of peer-reviewed international scientific journals online
- Specialist databases, indexes, and reference books also available
- Resources available in several languages
- Access is available free to the researcher
- Users can link to and from abstracting and indexing databases
- Full-text articles can be downloaded for saving, printing or reading on screen
- Many articles available online before they are published in print
- Users can search by keyword, subject, author, or language
- Training and promotional resources and support available on request

To provide affordable online access to academic and professional peer-reviewed journals in the poorest countries, publishers of the world's scientific and medical literature have joined forces with international agencies, leading universities, and funding bodies.

Access to information is an essential element in strengthening local medical, agricultural and natural resource management practices, and empowering local experts to find solutions to local health, environmental, social, economic, and food issues. Scientists, researchers, academics, policy makers and medical practitioners in developing country institutions now have access to advanced and up-to-date peer-reviewed research literature.
Launched in 2001 with close to 2500 public institutions already registered for access in 113 developing countries, HINARI is managed by the World Health Organization in partnership with Yale University Library. Around 90 publishers contribute their journals to HINARI.

HINARI provides access to over 3400 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 version of PubMed (Medline).

Access and further information is available at www.who.int/hinari or email hinari@who.int

Launched in 2003, AGORA is managed by the Food and Agriculture Organization in partnership with Cornell University and almost 30 publishers.

AGORA provides access to around 900 high quality international journals covering agriculture, fisheries, food, nutrition, veterinary science, and related biological, environmental, and social sciences in public institutions across the world. It also includes several important databases and indexes. The journals can be searched using a special subset of CAB Abstracts.

Access and further information is available at www.aginternetwork.org 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 35 publishers.

OARE provides access to more than 1000 scientific journals in a wide range of disciplines contributing to our understanding of the natural environment, including environmental toxicology and pollution, zoology, botany, ecology, environmental chemistry, geology, hydrology, oceanography, meteorology, climatology, geography, environmental economics, environmental law and policy, conservation policy and planning, environmental biotechnology, environmental engineering, energy, and many other disciplines. Journals can be searched through a number of abstract and indexing databases.

Access and further information is available at www.oaresciences.org or email oare@oaresciences.org
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. Several training modules, produced by the partners and field-tested by librarians and information managers from 16 developing countries, are available online and on CD-ROM. The training material can be used by both librarians and researchers either individually or in groups. If you are interested in obtaining copies of training materials on CD-ROM, please write to hinari@who.int or agora@fao.org or oare@oaresciences.org

Technical Requirements

Participating institutions will need computers connected to the Internet with a connection of 56k baud rate or higher. The system is designed to work with Internet Explorer version 4.0 or higher, Netscape version 6 or higher, Mozilla Firefox 1.0 or higher; however we recommend you use the most recent browser versions available for the best experience and for safer browsing. Users will also need a recent version of Adobe Acrobat viewer for the journal articles in PDF format.

“HINARI is very essential for this institution to meet the demands of the academic staff and with the dwindling of funds for journal subscriptions. We have seen HINARI transform institutions like ours.”

Gwagwalada Specialist Hospital, Nigeria

“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

“On behalf of Mongolian researchers and users, I would like to express my great thanks for these initiatives to access electronic resources and journals.”

Mongolian Academy of Sciences, Mongolia
Eligibility for Access to HINARI, AGORA and OARE

Publicly funded and not-for-profit institutions in most countries with an annual per capita GNI of less than $1000 can gain free access to the journals in HINARI, AGORA and OARE. These are Band 1 countries, areas and territories.

Publicly funded and not-for-profit institutions in most countries with an annual per capita GNI of between $1001 and $3000 can gain access for a nominal annual fee per institution. These are Band 2 countries, areas and territories. The income generated in this way is then invested in local training initiatives.

Please note that for some countries there are some exceptions to eligibility for certain journals. In addition, please note that the eligibility of countries will change as their GNI changes.

Band 1 Eligibility

Afghanistan
Albania
Angola
Armenia
Azerbaijan
Bangladesh
Benin
Bhutan
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cambodia
Cameroon
Central African Republic
Chad
Comoros
Congo
Cote d'Ivoire
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Djibouti
Eritrea
Ethiopia
Gambia
Georgia
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
Kenya
Kiribati
Kyrgyzstan
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Lesotho
Liberia
Madagascar
Malawi
Mali
Mauritania
Mongolia
Mozambique
Myanmar
Nepal
Nicaragua
Niger
Nigeria
Papua New Guinea
Republic of Moldova
Rwanda
Senegal
Sierra Leone
Solomon Islands
Somalia
Sudan
Tajikistan
Timor-Leste
Togo
Tokelau
Tuvalu
Uganda
Ukraine
United Republic of Tanzania
Uzbekistan
Viet Nam
Yemen
Zambia
Zimbabwe

Band 2 Eligibility

Belarus
Belize
Bolivia
Bosnia-Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Cape Verde
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cuba
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
El Salvador
Equatorial Guinea
Fiji
Guatemala
Iraq
Jamaica
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Kosovo
Latvia
Lithuania
Maldives
Marshall Islands
Micronesia
(Federated States of)
Morocco
Namibia
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Republic of Montenegro
Republic of Serbia
Romania
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Samoa (Western)
Suriname
Swaziland
Syrian Arab Republic
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Tonga
Tunisia
Vanuatu
West Bank and Gaza

For those countries below which are indicated by a, b or c, there are changes in 2007 regarding their eligibility for AGORA (band 2) and for OARE (both bands). Please check the AGORA and OARE websites for further information. There are no changes in 2007 regarding HINARI eligibility of these countries, although their eligibility will change in 2008. Please check with HINARI for further information.

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(a) – moving to Band 2
(b) – moving to Band 1
(c) – moving out of Band 2 eligibility