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From the Editor

The year 2003 is a difficult period for the library owing to the financial constraints faced by the Institute. So far we have been able to subscribe only to 10 periodicals in comparison to the 96 titles ordered for 2002.

The only alternative available to us at this critical moment to minimise the difficulties faced by the readers is to resort to online sources via INTERNET. However, INTERNET could not be considered as a panacea that will help us out of all the difficulties faced by the library.

While making every attempt to compensate the problems faced owing to financial constraints through inter library loans, Hellis services and other forms of resource sharing the library earnestly appeal to the members and well wishers to help us by donating resource material which will be used for the benefit of their colleagues.

News in Brief

CD collection

No CDs were added to the collection during last month.

Members are invited to present any CDs available with them to be shared by their colleagues.

Books

Dr. Francis Joseph de Silva, reputed orthopaedic consultant and a very senior professional has generously offered to donate his personal library to the PGIM library. This will be maintained as a special collection as a gesture of gratitude to him. This is a very valuable collection which comprise over 2000 volumes. Arrangements are now been made to house this collection in the library.

24 books received as donations were added to the collection.

List of these books could be obtained on request.

105 titles of redundant and out of date material were withdrawn from the collection in order to relieve space required for new additions.

Reports Collection

The library has a collection of over 1000 Reports covering medicine and related subjects. A printout of the catalogue of this collection is available in the library on request.

Journals

49 Journal titles were subscribed for this year. List of these journals is available on request.

USEFUL WEBSITES

Perhaps you may be already aware that following data bases are available free to satisfy your information needs. These databases were made available to Sri Lankan scholars with assistance from INASP, UK. and the service is coordinated by the University of Peradeniya.

Database	Contents	User name	Password
www.blackwell-synergy.com	Synergy.com contains 608 full-text periodicals	srilankaaccess	srilankaaccess
http://search.epnet.com	Epnet.com contains 9 different databases including Medline, Eric, Academic Search Primer,	S7839878	password
Business Source Primer and Health Source Nursing.	Contains full-text data of over 5000 journals		
http://www.update-software.com/clibng/cliblogon.html	The Cochrane Library contains 8 full-text databases containing information valuable for healthcare decisions.	PERADENIYA	UNILIB
http://www.ingenta.com	(1)Entire Science, Technology and Medicine Collection and	srilankaaccess	srilankaaccess

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EPNET Database

The full list of periodicals available through epnet (academic search elite) database is attached to this newsletter as a separate acrobat file which will save your time locating free fulltext journals. file name = epnet list

APPEAL TO READERS

INTERNET is so massive and fast growing making it impossible keep track of the new additions. We therefore appeal to our readers to share with us URLs of any useful websites they happen to come across to be included under this column.

DONATIONS

Donation of books, journals and multimedia which may be useful to users will be very much welcome. Cash donations for library development could be made through a donation to PGIM Development Fund.

USEFUL WEBSITES

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The Amedeo editorial Team headed by Dr. Bernard Sebastian Kamps has published a summary of the current knowledge about Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). This file is attached to this news letter for your convenience. The file size is 680Kb. A print out of this publication is also available at the library for reference.

For the duration of the epidemic, SARS reference will be updated every month.

Dr. Bernard Sebastian Kamps has informed us of another publication available on-line. The extract of his letter is given below.

" Please allow to to introduce you <http://www.HIVMedicine.com>. It is the 11th HIV textbook that I have published . . . since 1990. The editor in chief of this year's HIV Medicine 2003 is Christian Hoffman. Christian is also the author of HAART chapter.

350 pages have been already uploaded to this new site. additional 250 pages will be added through mid July. Access is free of charge . HIV medicine will be updated every year.

For more information please see <http://hivmedicine.com/textbook/cr.htm>

Please inform your students and colleagues, particularly those who might benefit from our HIVMedicine Freebook Initiative."

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