

HINARI
&
AGORA

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- Health InterNetwork Access to Research Initiative
- Access to Global Online Research in Agriculture

HINARI ...

- "...The Health InterNetwork Access to Research Initiative – HINARI – is using information technology to narrow the information gap in health science.”
- *Kofi Annan: Address to PAHO, Washington, DC 2 December 2002*

HINARI ...

- "It is perhaps the biggest step ever taken towards reducing the health information gap between rich and poor countries."
- *Gro Harlem Brundtland, Director General WHO, launching HINARI, London 9 July 2001*

AGORA

- "AGORA is our response to UN Secretary General Kofi Annan's call -- when he was proclaiming the Millennium Declaration in September 2000 -- to engage in public/private partnerships for improving agriculture, fisheries, food, environment and related research in the developing world."
- *Eric Swanson, Chair STM, Rome, October 2003*

HINARI ...

- access to full text on line biomedical research and clinical journals and other information
- researchers and healthcare workers in more than 1000 institutions in the developing nations
- not for profit research institutions, medical schools, nursing schools, dentistry school, government health ministries, etc

AGORA ...

- full text on line journals and other information to researchers in agriculture in nearly 300 institutions in the developing nations
- not for profit research institutions, universities, policy units and relevant government departments
- subjects include nutrition, agriculture, fisheries, forestry, ecology and environmental studies

HINARI "PHASE 1" & AGORA

- Institutions in 69 countries where the annual per capita GNP is US\$1000 or less *
- HINARI launched January 2002
- AGORA launched October 2003
- Free access

** World Bank, December 2000*

HINARI Phase 2

- Institutions in 44 countries where the annual per capita GNP is between US\$1001 and \$3000
- Launched January 2003
- In general, access to the HINARI “catalogue” for the equivalent of US\$1000 in local currency
- Some publishers who have existing strong markets are excluding access in a few countries
- Publishers are donating all HINARI revenues collected in 2004 & 2005 to WHO for use in training librarians and infrastructure support

Uptake – March 2004

HINARI Phase 1:

- 666 institutions registered
- 62 countries (69 eligible)

HINARI Phase 2

- 429 institutions registered
- 40 countries (44 eligible)

AGORA

- 200 institutions registered
- 47 countries (69 eligible)

Publishers Statement of Intent

- Provide access to a wide range of key biomedical journals at prices which reflect the state of national economies in the developing world.
- In some cases, access may be provided at no charge.
- The Initiative applies only to bona fide academic and research institutions.
- The Initiative includes most of the countries classified by the World Bank as low or lower-middle income.

- Each publisher will offer access in the broad terms of the principles on which this Initiative is based, and will be free to provide specific arrangements according to its own business model.
- Access authentication will be provided by WHO's Health InterNetwork project.
- Through this Initiative, the publishers are indicating support for the World Intellectual Property Organisation, the International Publishers Association and other organisations in promoting respect for the Berne Convention in the use of important scientific information.

- All partners recognise the key role national governments will take in supporting this Initiative and developing it.
- The Partners are committed to the success of the Initiative, and while monitoring its progress, expect it to continue for at least three years.
- The publishers hope to work with the WHO in encouraging research publishing programmes in developing nations.
- New partners will be sought to increase the amount of content within the Initiative and to provide funds and technology to establish a firm infrastructure for the future.

User licence

Each institution signs a user licence. Key features:

- For profit institutions ineligible
- Users have access to the full version of journals
- Maximum of 15% for downloading and printing
- Course packs permitted
- Document supply permitted to faculty, students and employees
- Integrity of publisher material must be maintained

Why did publishers join?

- Obvious need for researchers to gain access to health and food information
- WHO, FAO & UN sponsored
- Realistic prospect of the programmes achieving their purpose
- Collegiality
- A truly sustainable programme

Partnerships ...

- HINARI and AGORA are partnerships
- Entirely voluntary
- No contract has been signed by anyone
 1. *Yale and Cornell University Libraries,*
 2. *National Library of Medicine*
 3. *Dept. for International Development*
 4. *USAID*
 5. *Rockefeller Foundation*

Partnerships

- Social contract

What have partners learned?

- Working with an agencies such as WHO and FAO has its ups and downs – far more ups than downs!
- Working collegially more effective than alone
- The small partner's contribution is important
- Balance between lean organisation and efficiency
- Need to listen to HINARI and AGORA users

Challenges ...

- High cost of Internet connectivity
- Poor distribution of appropriate hardware
- High cost of peripherals, e.g. paper
- Inadequate funding of institutional libraries
- Lack of an information culture
- Getting the message across
- Encourage local publishing

Chesterton's paradox ...

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- If a thing's worth doing, it's worth doing badly ...

The future

- HINARI and AGORA will continue till at least December 2006
- Evaluation programme to look at the following:
 1. *Impact on quality of research*
 2. *Increase in papers from developing countries?*
 3. *Impact on local publishing*
 4. *Value of WHO and FAO partnerships*
 5. *Input from other partners and funders*
 6. *Impact on publishers' revenue*

Participating publishers

- American Academy of Pediatrics
- **American Association for the Advancement of Science**
- American Association for Cancer Research
- American College of Physicians
- American College of Chest Physicians
- American Medical Association

- American Society of Clinical Nutrition
- American Society of Clinical Oncology
- American Society of Hematology
- **Annual Reviews**
- Arnold.
- Australian Medical Association.
- BioMedCentral
- **BioOne**
- **Blackwell Publishing**

- Botanical Society of America
- **British Medical Journal Publishing Group**
- **CABI Publishing**
- Canadian Medical Association
- **Cochrane Collaboration**
- **Cold Spring Harbour Press**
- Company of Biologists
- **Elsevier Science**
- Finnish Medical Society
- Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery (US and UK Volumes)

- **Kluwer Academic Publishers**
- Landes Bioscience
- **Lippincott Williams & Wilkins**
- **Massachusetts Medical Society**
- Morion
- **National Academy of Sciences**
- National Library of Medicine
- **Nature Publishing Group**
- **Oxford University Press**

- **Portland Press**
- Royal College of Surgeons of England
- Royal Society of Medicine
- Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain
- Sage
- Society for the Study of Reproduction
- **Springer Verlag**
- Taylor and Francis
- Thieme Verlag
- University of Chicago Press
- **John Wiley**

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