

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EPIDEMIOLOGY

## 9. Library facilities

Library is well equipped to meet the research and information needs of staff and MAE students. The Library has a total collection of 4500 books on Epidemiology, Biostatistics, Clinical Trials, Demography, Public Health, Computers and many other fields. About 200 books were added during this year. The books are arranged according the Dewey Decimal Classification system and the bound journals are arranged in alphabetical order. Currently, subscriptions are made for 38 National / International journals. Apart from this, the library receives 10 periodicals on gratis.

The following 7 international journals have been added during this year

1. American Journal of Epidemiology
2. American Journal of Clinical Nutrition
3. Annals of Epidemiology
4. Journal of Clinical Epidemiology
5. Journal of Biopharmaceutical Statistics
6. Epidemiology and Infection
7. Statistical Methods in Medical Research

### Computerization of documents using library management software

Cataloguing of books and bound volumes of journals have been done using the Graphic Library Automation System (GLAS) software. Over 4400 records have been created and are made accessible on a PC available in the library. Presently, all check-out and check-in transactions of books and journals are maintained in registers and updated manually. Bar-coding of all books and bound volumes and issue of Identity cards for users are in progress since electronic library transactions will facilitate quick transactions.

### Utilization of online databases

Journals can be accessed through Proquest, OVID databases and J-Gate Custom Content for Consortia (JCCC) facilitated by NIN and ICMR, Headquarters. These databases are networked and accessed by the staff extensively. A training programme on JCCC for staff was conducted on 4th October 2004 at NIE.

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### Retro conversion / digitalisation of library documents

Database of research publications and reprints of all publications of the Institute indicating number of reprints available has been created using EndNote software. Conversion of all reprints into pdf is in progress.

### Resource sharing

Whenever any reprint or published paper is not available in this library efforts are made to obtain the same from other Libraries. ICMR librarians have formed a librarian's group mail ([icmrlibrarians@yahoo.com](mailto:icmrlibrarians@yahoo.com)) for resource sharing. Through this group mail articles available in any of the ICMR libraries is obtained and given to the scientists. In case the journals are not subscribed in any of the libraries, efforts are made to obtain the reprint from the author. We have established good rapport and networking with well-established libraries in reputed institutes / organizations such as the Tamilnadu Dr. M.G.R Medical University, British Council Library, American Information Resource Centre and Y.R.G. Care.