



8 Information Services

Library

The TRC has an excellent library, having print and digital resources. It has made productive and commendable progress in online resources and services.

Renovated library

The library was renovated with the establishment of an Internet Browsing Centre. Internet connectivity has been established with DSL high bandwidth. The modular library provides beautiful learning ambience.

Digital library

The TRC Digital Library was established and is serving as a Web-based interface to the in-house resources and hyperlink to all the electronic journals subscribed by the Centre. It facilitates the staff of the Centre to access it as a one-stop-shop for electronic resources through Local Area Network at their desk. The digital library has been strengthened substantially with full-text e-journals; e-databases; e-subject collection and publisher's cumulative collection.

The library services are laid down to gather health information and make it accessible to the scientific community. We also provide pointers to outside resources through search engines



and health science databases through digital library process, since TRC does not possess repository for these.

The institute retained its institutional membership facility at the British Council Library, Chennai. The existing resource sharing facility with the National Institute of Epidemiology has further been elaborated with online databases through ICMR consortium database subscription for southern region institutes. The library continues to act as a central node for electronic mail co-ordination for the staff of the Centre.

The electronic collection development during the year is indicated below:

1. American Society for Microbiology (Pub. Cumulative collection)
2. Annual Reviews: Biomedical Suite (Since Vol.1 +)
3. ELSEVIER
 - a. BioMedNet Reviews
 - b. Science Direct
 - b.1 Immunology & Microbiology (Sub. Collection)
 - b.2 Individual titles-5
4. Online journal subscription - 11

Electronic Data Processing

The electronic data processing division is continuing to give data management support, including data entry/verification to various studies undertaken at the Centre. Apart from data processing and computer programming, this division is taking care of all the PCs and printers by bringing under comprehensive maintenance contract service to avoid breakdown. Also, annual procurement of computer consumables is done by making indent through this division for use in various departments of TRC.

The routine data outputs are being supplied for monitoring the studies and carrying out the field work on schedule. The quantum of documents entered and verified from April 2003 to March 2004 is shown below:

No. of documents entered :	1,88,234
No. of documents verified :	1,84,678

Apart from regular data management, this division assists in analysing the data for research work and publication. Also, it helps in preparation of employees' pay roll, income-tax sheets, loan schedules and central bills.

The LAN computer system in the division is catering its service continuously, mainly to access information through Internet facility and to communicate among staff through intranet facility.