

Knowledge Management and Sharing
Library and Information Networks



EMR Virtual Health Sciences Library (VHSL)

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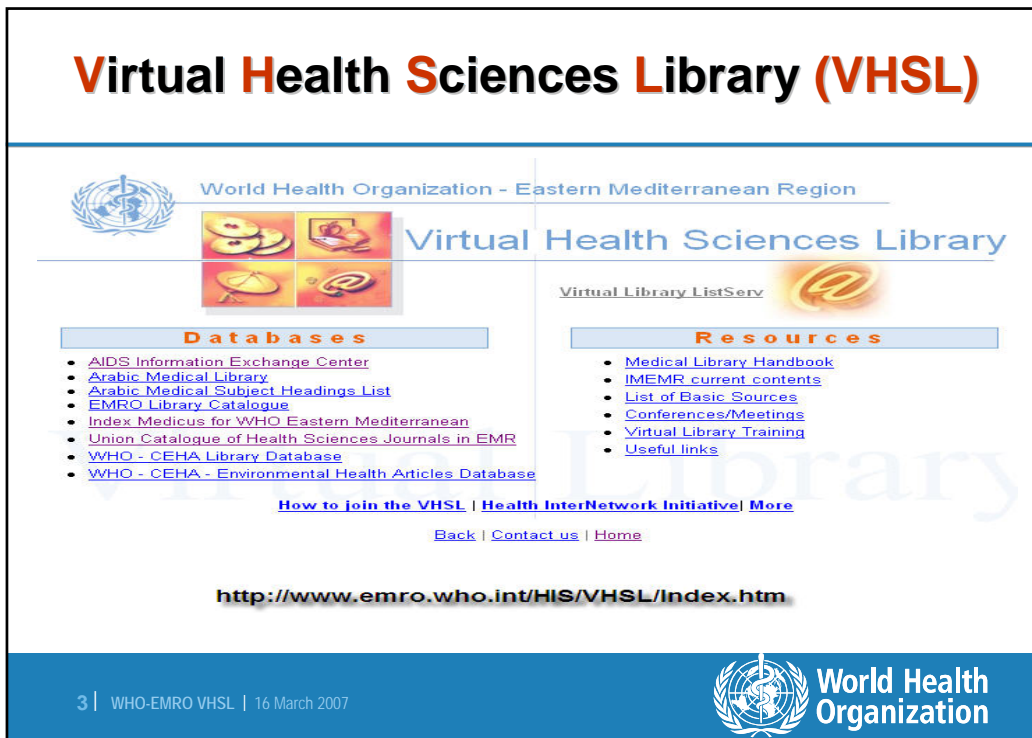
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Introduction

- **Building and developing an electronic health sciences library (network) in the EMR has been one of the main objectives of the Regional Office.**
- **Our ultimate goal with **EMLIBNET** is to create our **Virtual Health Sciences Library**, which will allow the universal access to health and biomedical information.**

Virtual Health Sciences Library (VHSL)



World Health Organization - Eastern Mediterranean Region

Virtual Health Sciences Library

Virtual Library ListServ

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EMR – VHSL Databases

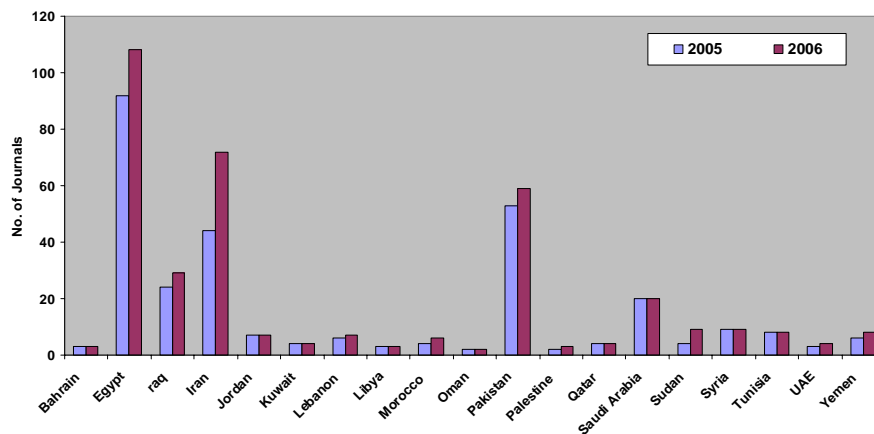
- EMR Index Medicus (IMEMR)
- EMR Union Catalogue (UNLIST)
- EMRO Library Catalogue (EMCAT)
- EMRO Journals Information Directory
- Arabic Medical Library (AML)
- Arabic Medical Subject Headings (MeSH)
- AIDS Information Exchange Center (AIEC)
- CEHA Library Databases

EMR Index Medicus (IMEMR)

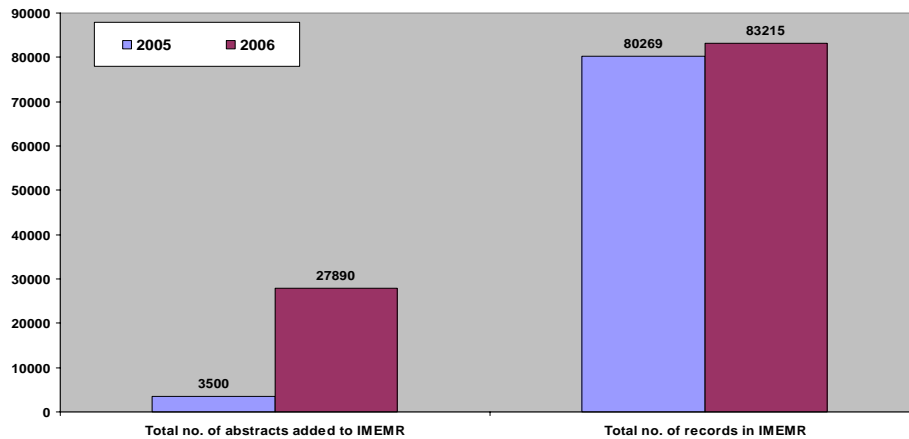


- The IMEMR includes **85,500** records from **374** health and biomedical Journals published in **19** countries from the Region. **157** Journals are available online.
- The Index covers all the EMR languages: Arabic, English, Farsi, French and Urdu.

Distribution of EMR Health Journals Indexed in IMEMR Per Country



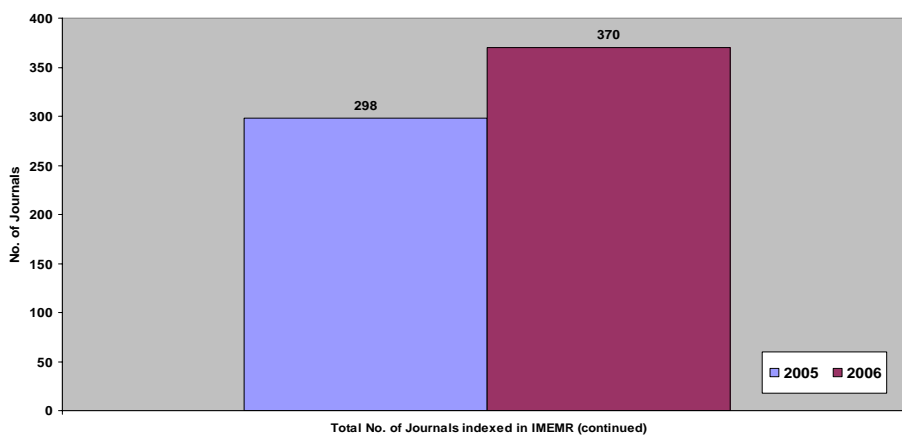
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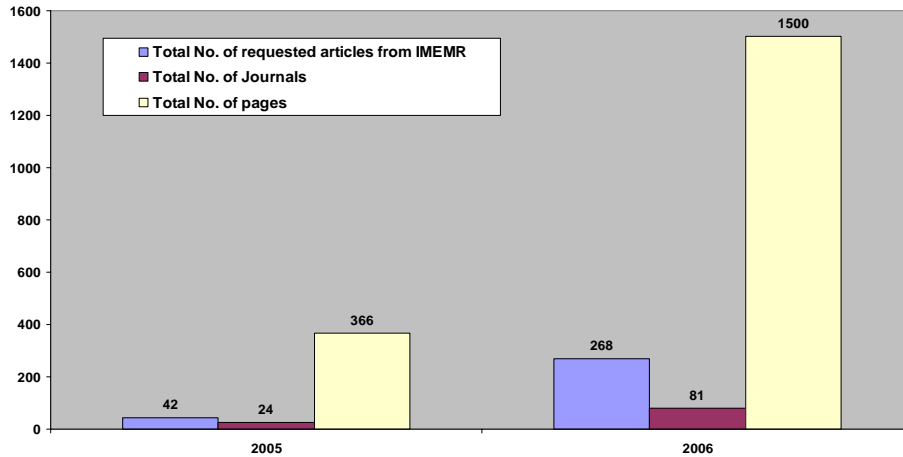
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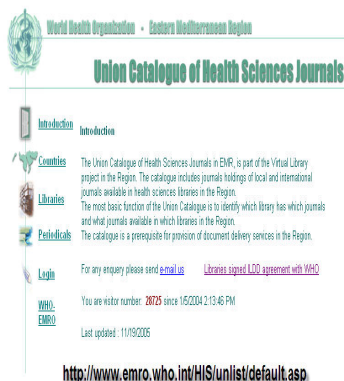
IMEMR Photocopying Services



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EMR Union Catalogue



- The most basic function of the Union Catalogue is to locate the journal title available in each library in the Region.
- It covers health and biomedical journals and serials holdings of local & international periodicals available in different medical libraries in the Region.
- **Libraries 209**
- **Journal Titles 6128**
- **EMR Countries 19**

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EMR Document Delivery Services

Document Delivery Services

As part of the development of the Virtual Health Sciences Library of the Eastern Mediterranean Region, the Regional Office has decided to provide support to selected [health sciences libraries](#) in the Region by providing these libraries with original copies of the [Ariel software](#). The software along with a scanner may be used as a basic tool for document delivery services using the Internet or e-mail.

For a library to be eligible for this support, the following has to be adhered to:

1. The Library should be attached to a health care and/or [medical education institution](#) located in a member state of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region;
2. The Library should fill in the Medical Library Directory Form to update the Directory Database. The Form may be [downloaded](#), [printed](#), [filed](#) and faxed to EMRO



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EMR Inter-Library Loan and Document Delivery (ILDD)

World Health Organization - Eastern Mediterranean Region
Union Catalogue of Health Sciences Journals
 Introduction: 59 Libraries had signed the [ILDD agreement with WHO](#)
 Countries: EGYPT
 Libraries: [Arabian Gulf University](#)
[Arabian Gulf University Library](#)
[College of Health Sciences](#)
[Ahmed Ali Farsi Library](#)
 WHO: EGYPT
[Alexandria University](#)
[Central Scientific Library](#)
[Al Mansoura University](#)
[Faculty of Medicine](#)
<http://www.emro.who.int/HIS/unlist/ildd.asp>

- **61** Medical Libraries from **18** countries have been jointed to ILDD agreement.
- Total no. of their journals **4773**
- Total no. of requested articles **1387** (2006)
- ILDD is the best and great model for the **Knowledge Management and Sharing** among the Medical Libraries in the Region.

EMRO Library Catalogue



- EMRO Library Catalogue database (EMCAT) is a bibliographic database for all types of health and biomedical sciences publications.
- The EMCAT includes more than 7,500 records in different media (monographs; textbooks; technical reports; CDs; video tapes; slides; maps; references ...etc)

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EMRO Journals Information Directory

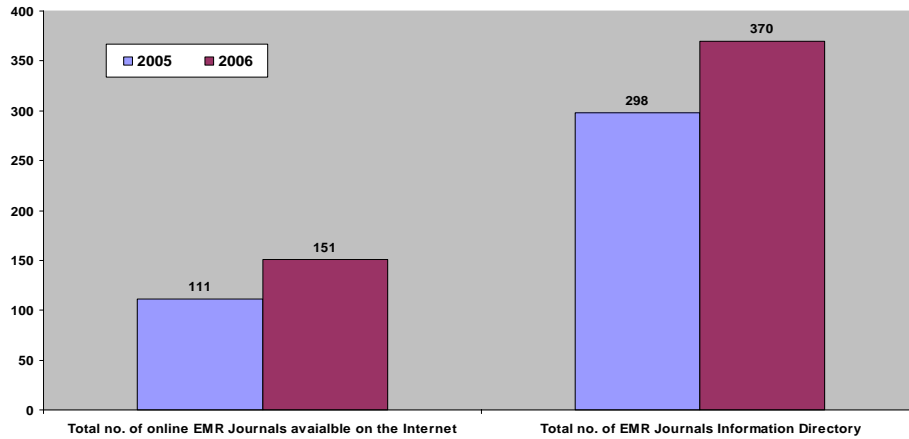


- This directory includes the bibliographic information for the health and biomedical sciences journals published in the Region.
- The directory includes also the editors information for each journal as well as the journal URL address for online access if available.

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Health Sciences Journals in EMR



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Arabic Medical Library (AML)



- Arabic Medical Library (AML) is a bibliographic database for the Arabic medical books.
- The most basic function of the AML is to allow the medical libraries to add, edit and update their collections remotely.
- Currently AML includes **1711** books.
- The AML is searchable via Google Scholar.

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Arabic Medical Subject Headings



- Responding to the increasing trend of arabization in the field of health; Arabic **MeSH** comes to stand firmly as the single Arabic version of the Medical Subject Heading.
- Arabic MeSH is available on the Internet.

List of Basic Sources

- The major purpose of this list is to assist the medical librarians to develop their library collections.
- The List of Basic Sources is a core selected collection of **books**, **journals** and **CD-ROMs** on health and biomedical topics.
- It includes:
 - **1069** Book titles
 - **250** CD-ROM titles
 - **430** Journals title
 - **370** Titles of EMR journals

AIDS Information Exchange Center (AIEC)

- It includes more than **500** titles covering all information and experiences on AIDS, particularly in the field of health education, among EMR countries, as well as with other WHO central and regional offices.
- The Full-Text is available online on the Internet.

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CEHA Library Database

- It includes more than **9,500** titles covering all Environmental Health aspects with clear focus on water supply and sanitation as a priority in the Region.
- Great part of the available documents are **gray literature** on Environmental Health in the Region.

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EMRO Institutional Digital Memory

- From “data processing” and “information management” to “knowledge management”.
- The main function of the Digital Memory is to provide RO staff and Country Offices with information that is ready to use for **decision** and **action**, various types of policy documents and reports have been published in **Full-Text** on the Intranet.

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EMRO Institutional Digital Memory


- EMRO Digital Memory includes the Consultants Report, Inter-Country Meetings Reports, Regional Committee Meetings Reports, Regional Committee Final Report, Staff Mission Reports ..etc)

<http://intranet.emro.who.int/digitallibrary/default.asp>

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EMRO Institutional Digital Memory

 Digital Library

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<input type="checkbox"/> Information Circulars	<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants Reports	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff Mission Reports
<input type="checkbox"/> EMRO Press Releases	<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Documents, Files, Agreements	<input type="checkbox"/> WR's Meeting Reports
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Subject: [more](#) Language: All

Keyword: Date(yyyy) From To

Author: Document number:

Geographic descriptor: Eastern Mediterranean Developing countries Afghanistan Bahrain Cyprus

Order results by: Date

KMS Ultimate Goal

- Information, as you are all aware, is no longer a problem. Too much of it has become the problem.
- **How** to gain a maximum benefit from the information and to make other users benefit from it, **is KMS ultimate goal in the near future.**

Lets achieve it together

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Library Team Work



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