

A Guide to Resources Currently Available Through The Programme for the Enhancement of Research Information (PERI)

This document is intended as a comprehensive guide to the resources presently available through PERI for researchers and librarians in Belarus. Through PERI, resources have been negotiated wherever possible on a country-wide basis although please note that, in order to activate access, Institutes must register with the publisher of each resource they wish to access.

This document therefore includes a brief description of each information resource to help you get a feel for the content within it plus a description of the process which you will need to follow in order to set up access for the resources of your choice, for your institute. Under the terms which INASP (and PERI) operates, all research institutes and libraries operating in a non-profit environment within Belarus are entitled to access to these resources.

Through the PERI programme, subscription/access fees for information resources have been specially negotiated in an effort to make them as affordable and therefore as sustainable as possible for Institutes in developing and transitional countries. Funds are available through PERI to help pay for resources. Wherever possible, negotiations between PERI and the Publishers have been for country-wide licenses so that the maximum number of institutes can benefit from each resource and prices have been negotiated as low as possible. Some resources have already been paid for, for 2002 on a country-wide basis, by libraries and research institutes within Belarus – these are indicated below.

To help coordinate the requirements and needs of all institutes, INASP is working with a Country Coordinator for Belarus, Ms. Yulia Anisimova who is Librarian at the European Humanities University in Minsk. Libraries and research institutes in Belarus are asked to work with Ms. Anisimova during the assessment and acquisition phase. Ms. Anisimova's contact details are as follows:

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When you have read through this document, please prioritise the resources to which you and your research colleagues would be interested in gaining access and contact Ms. Anisimova indicating those resources that you and your colleagues feel your institute needs. Funds are available through PERI (funded by INTAS) to help pay for resources as they are prioritised in this process. Please note however that this is a finite resource totalling less than 30,000 Euros for each of the years 2002, 2003 and 2004. Wherever possible, negotiations between PERI and the Publishers have been for country-wide licenses so that the maximum number of institutes can benefit from each resource and prices have been negotiated as low as possible. If resources are required which are not listed as being available presently, please let Ms. Anisimova and myself, Sarah Durrant (sdurrant@inasp.info) know. It is my role within INASP to secure as many required resources as possible and I will endeavour to contact the appropriate publisher/s and encourage them to join the PERI initiative.

Ms. Anisimova will be in touch concerning the details of the process for assessing and prioritising resources. Please retain this document as it contains information you will need later on when you will need to register your Institute with each of the publishers listed below, for those resources Belarusn Libraries and Research Institutes collectively decide to prioritise.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE PRESENTLY THROUGH THE PERI PROGRAMME

Publisher: Blackwell

Name of service: Blackwell-Synergy; Blackwell (through Ingenta)

License Agreed: Country-wide for all not-for-profit libraries, research and learning institutes within Belarus

Service Type: Online Journals Databases

Presently, Blackwell journals are available through two separate platforms:

i. *Blackwell-Synergy*, which is owned and run by Blackwell and contains Blackwell's science, technology and medical titles.

ii. *Ingenta*, a separate online service which contains all of Blackwell's humanities and social sciences titles. (NB: *Ingenta* provides an online journals service for over 180 other publishers. You will be able to view the ToCs and abstracts for journals from these publishers but you will only have access rights to the full text of Blackwell Social Sciences and Humanities journals).

Content available:

access to just over 600 leading learned journals in science, technology, medicine (on *Synergy*) and social sciences and humanities (on *Ingenta*).

Subject Strengths

- ✓ journals on *Blackwell-Synergy* - all life sciences, medicine/health, ecology
- ✓ journals on *Ingenta* - accountancy and economics, cultural studies (especially Asian/African/Australian/International studies), development issues, history, management studies, social policy

Service Strengths - Synergy

- ✓ full text of Blackwell STM titles available, many going back to 1990's
- ✓ very clean interface and excellent navigation
- ✓ in-depth title information for each journal
- ✓ free Table of Contents alerting service available for all users, for all titles
- ✓ many articles available in HTML and PDF
- ✓ comprehensive search facility including saved search facility for repeat queries
- ✓ personalisation features – *My Synergy*
- ✓ user statistics available

Service Strengths - Ingenta

- ✓ full text of Blackwell Social Science & Humanities titles available
- ✓ intuitive layout for good browsing experience
- ✓ some articles available in HTML and PDF
- ✓ free access to the thousands of tables of contents and abstracts to hundreds of further journals from publishers other than Blackwell

How Do I Gain Access?

Contact Ms. Anisimova if your institution requires access to this resource. She will place an order with INASP which will secure the country-wide license for Belarus. Once this country-wide license has been purchased individual institutions will also need to register themselves. At this stage, you will need to contact me, Sarah Durrant at PERI (sdurrant@inasp.info) or Grigor Rowe at Blackwell (Grigor.Rowe@blacksci.co.uk) to obtain a copy of a Help document which shows you how to enable access from your Institute. You will also be required to sign a shorter license for your specific Institute. The help document will assist you here.

Web sites for further information:

<http://www.blackwell-science.com/online/> and <http://www.ingenta.com>

Contact for Help//Support at Blackwell: Grigor.Rowe@blacksci.co.uk

Publisher: EBSCO

This resources is already available in Belarus – please contact Ms. Anisimova for details

Name of service: **EBSCO Host**

License Agreed: *Resource not available in Belarus through PERI (see above)*

Service Type: **Online Databases of Journals and other learned content (CDs available for all institutes)**

How Do I Gain Access?

Please contact Ms. Anisimova for details.

Web sites for further information

Full information on each of the 7 EBSCO databases available through PERI can be found at <http://www.epnet.com/>

Contact for Help//Support:

Alex Saltzman

ASaltzman@epexchange.epnet.com

Publisher: Update Software Ltd

Please note – because of the low access fees negotiated by PERI, a country-wide access license has already been acquired through PERI funding for the years 2002 and 2003. This means you can access this resource now. Please see below for registration process.

Name of service: The Cochrane Library

License Agreed: Country-wide for all not-for-profit libraries, research and learning institutes within Belarus

Service Type: Online Access (CD-ROMs available for key medical institutes within each PERI country)

Content available:

The comprehensive and internationally renowned Cochrane Library is a medical resource comprising databases of full text reviews, abstracts of further reviews, a Controlled Trials Register, Methodology Register, handbooks and other literature. This is an invaluable resource for medical and health researchers and institutes.

Subject Strengths

- ✓ all branches of medicine and healthcare, especially evidence-based medicine
- ✓ clinical trials

Service Strengths

- ✓ clear interface for good browsing and searching
- ✓ comprehensive search facility
- ✓ ability to search one or more databases
- ✓ updated regularly to keep users up-to-date

How Do I Gain Access?

To gain access to this resource, each library or research institute must complete a simple order form which is available from Joanne Carpenter at Update Software (joanne@update.co.uk). Completion of this document is straightforward and full and instructions on where and how to return it will be included when it is sent to you.

Web sites for further information

<http://www.update-software.com/>

Contact for Help//Support:

Joanne Carpenter joanne@update.co.uk

Publisher: The Royal Society of London - New PERI resource!

Please note – because of the low access fees negotiated by PERI, a country-wide access license has already been acquired through PERI funding for the years 2002 and 2003. This means you can access this resource now. Please see below for registration process.

Name of service: Royal Society Journals Online

License Agreed: Country-wide for all not-for-profit libraries, research and learning institutes within Belarus

Service Type: Online Databases of Journals

Content available:

The four leading international journals from the Royal Society of London, the UK's National Academy. Titles cover the whole of the biological and physical sciences, and include *Philosophical Transactions*, the longest-running continuously published journal in the world.

Subject Strengths

- ✓ mathematics, engineering and other physical sciences
- ✓ all biological sciences; particularly good on ecology, environment

Service Strengths

- ✓ all 4 RSL journals specialise in cutting edge research, results and peer-reviewed new data
- ✓ articles published well in advance of print copies
- ✓ references contain active reference linking to cited content
- ✓ free Table of Contents alerting service available for all users, for all titles

How Do I Gain Access?

The Royal Society require you to complete their online registration form which includes a copy of their license. This can be read and accepted online. When you have completed your registration form, this is submitted online and the RSL will contact you granting your institute access. You will need to know the IP range of your Institute if possible although Username and Password access can be granted. If you are interested in gaining access to this resource, please visit:

<http://www.pubs.royalsoc.ac.uk/inaspregform.htm> Please also contact me (Sarah Durrant, sdurrant@inasp.info) as I have developed a comprehensive help document to get you started with these journals.

Web sites for further information

<http://www.pubs.royalsoc.ac.uk/>

Contact for Help/Support:

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Publisher: Oxford University Press - New PERI resource - available November 2002!

Name of service: Oxford Journals Online

License Agreed: Country-wide for all not-for-profit libraries, research and learning institutes within Belarus

Service Type: Online Databases of Journals

Content available:

access to over 120 leading titles in science, technology, medicine, humanities and social sciences published by the world-renowned Oxford university Press

Subject Strengths

- ✓ very good on medicine, life sciences, areas studies, biochemistry, genetics, molecular biology, law, history, political sciences, philosophy, business and economics

Service Strengths

- ✓ very clear layout and organisation for good navigation
- ✓ free Table of Contents alerting service available for all users, for all titles
- ✓ comprehensive user statistics available online (much improved version available from 2003)

How Do I Gain Access?

There will be a simple online registration process which will require you to complete, print off and return a copy of the OUP license to OUP. Please contact Sarah Durrant for more details if you are interested in having this resource at your institute.

Web sites for further information

<http://www3.oup.co.uk/jnls/>

Contact for Help//Support:

Details to follow.

Document Delivery Services

British Library Document Supply Centre (BLDSC)

Publisher:	Various (100's of publishers, over 20,000 peer-reviewed journals)
Service Type:	Online Document Delivery Service (articles delivered are paper photocopies)
License Agreed:	Country-wide for all not-for-profit libraries, research and learning institutes within Belarus

PERI will allocate limited funds for individual article purchase. Libraries and Institutions are encouraged to use this service only to obtain documents which they cannot obtain using other PERI resources.

About the British Library

The British Library Document Supply Centre (BLDSC) collection is probably the world's largest devoted to the provision of remote document delivery. It covers every aspect of scientific, technical, medical and human knowledge, in many languages. It holds journals, books, conferences, reports, patents, theses, official publications, music scores and images. Users can obtain a copy for research or private study of any article in the 260,000 journal titles held by The British Library or the 400,000 conference proceedings. The BL also features a core collection of 20,000 of the world's leading peer-reviewed and learned journals.

PERI will support the use of the BL's *Inside Web* service for online searching and the BL's *Standard Service* for online document ordering. This service delivers paper documents by airmail. The present charge for airmail document delivery has been negotiated by INASP to £5 per document to libraries within the PERI programme. These fees will be met by PERI for a limited number of documents ordered for the remainder of 2002 and throughout 2003 and 2004.

Content in this service:

Contains over 20,000 leading research journals plus access to over 400,000 conference proceedings and other periodicals.

Subject Strengths

- ✓ this resources covers all research disciplines:

Service Strengths

- ✓ access to over 20,000 leading peer-reviewed titles in all disciplines
- ✓ allows for comprehensive document searching online through the *Inside* service and through the British Library online catalogue
- ✓ documents ordered are usually delivered within 5-8 days

How do I Gain Access?

To use these services, libraries and research institutes must first register for the service. PERI has developed Help documents to guide you through this process for both services. Please write to me, Sarah Durrant (sdurrant@inasp.info) requesting the Help documents.

Web sites for further information

<http://www.bl.uk/services/document/docsear.html>

African Journals Online

Name of Service:	African Journals Online (AJOL)
Publisher:	Various (many different publishers; currently over 100 journals)
Service Type:	Online Awareness and Document Delivery Service (articles delivered are paper photocopies)
License Agreed:	Country-wide for Belarus

About this service:

African Journals OnLine (AJOL) began in May 1998 as a pilot project managed by INASP. Its promotes awareness and use of African-published journals in the sciences by providing access to tables of contents (TOCs) and abstracts on the Internet, backed by a paper-based document delivery service.

Content in this service:

AJOL offers the tables of contents and abstracts from journals published in Africa on:

- ✓ agricultural sciences
- ✓ arts, culture and literature
- ✓ health
- ✓ science and technology
- ✓ social sciences

Subject Strengths

- ✓ African-based journals reporting African research (see above)

Service Strengths

- ✓ clean interface for intuitive and fast navigation
- ✓ tables of contents and abstracts freely available
- ✓ straightforward one-time only registration process
- ✓ simple document ordering process

How do I Gain Access?

Simply visit <http://www.inasp.info/ajol/index.html> where you will need to register briefly if you are using the service for the first time. After this you will be sent a user name and password and will be able to order documents as you require them.

Future Resources

Further online resources are being negotiated by INASP for inclusion in the PERI programme on an on-going basis. Please visit and bookmark the PERI area of the INASP website – www.inasp.info/peri - to keep yourself up-to-date, or contact: Ms. Julia Asinimova PERI Country Coordinator for Belarus: julia@ehu.unibel.by or Sarah Durrant for PERI at INASP: sdurrant@inasp.info

Free Resources

If you don't already have a copy, please ask for INASP's **Free Resources** document which describes the wealth of high quality, often peer-reviewed information available at no charge on the Internet. Alternatively, visit www.inasp.info/peri/free.html