

Cyprus Medical Libraries Project

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Through funding from the Middle East Cancer Consortium and a partnership with the Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library at the University of Utah, Cyprus medical libraries now have access to an electronic document delivery system and to a database of Cypriot cancer and health literature. A Web site has been established to provide easy access to these services. The Web site is located at: <http://medlib.med.utah.edu/cyprus/>

1) Document Delivery Service

Interlibrary Loan and PubMed Loansome Doc - <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PubMed/>

The U.S. National Library of Medicine provides Internet access to more than ten million citations in MEDLINE and Pre-MEDLINE (with links to participating on-line journals) through its PubMed search service. The system includes document delivery service through the Loansome Doc system.

A Loansome Doc account has been established for use by the Cyprus health sciences libraries and physicians and health professionals at four Cyprus hospitals. The account allows online ordering of articles and document delivery through the Eccles Health Sciences Library at the University of Utah. Librarians, physicians and other health professionals are able to search the free PubMed service on the Internet and place orders directly from their search results. Additionally, materials not indexed in MEDLINE can be ordered by completing an Eccles Library Interlibrary Loan request form on the Web.

Documents are sent from the Eccles Library to the Nicosia General Hospital Library as attachments to email messages in TIFF format. Upon receipt, the documents are distributed electronically or in printed form by Andreas Savva, Medical Librarian. Mr. Savva is responsible for tracking the deliveries. There is a per article charge for document delivery of \$5.00 for articles found in the Eccles Library collection and \$10.00 for referrals.

2) Database Service

Eccles Library Web-based Catalog
 - <http://medlib.med.utah.edu/webpac-bin/wgbroker?new+-access+top.eccles>

Cypriot medical literature is now being indexed and is available for searching over the Internet. The collection includes locally produced journal articles, government documents and proceedings from medical conferences and symposia held on Cyprus. The materials are scanned to PDF and cataloged in the Eccles Library online catalog, Horizon. The catalog has a Web based search interface called WebPAC. Hyperlinks in the catalog records provide direct access to the full text PDF document. Once viewed, the articles or other materials can be printed or saved to disk.

This process provides the Cyprus health sciences libraries with electronic records in standard MARC format, which can be exported and transferred to a local online catalog, if the Libraries choose to implement such a local system in the future.

Contacts for more information on these services:

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