

# Supporting Global Research Communication: Some INASP Initiatives

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# Overview

- Introduction to INASP
- Three INASP initiatives
  - Publishers for Development (jointly with Association of Commonwealth Universities)
  - The Journals Online Projects
  - AuthorAID at INASP
- “The Next Wave: Toward a Culture of Collaboration”: thoughts and an invitation for discussion



# INASP ([www.inasp.info](http://www.inasp.info))

- International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications
- Established in 1992
- Based in Oxford, England
- Works with partners to support global research communication
- Focuses on developing and emerging countries

# INASP Emphases

- **Access** to national and international scholarly information and knowledge
- Use, creation, management, and uptake of scholarly information and knowledge via appropriate **Internet communication technologies**
- National, regional, and international **cooperation**, networking, and knowledge exchange

# Publishers for Development

With thanks to  
Anne Powell at INASP

# PUBLISHERS *for* DEVELOPMENT

The Association  
of Commonwealth  
Universities

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# Publishers for Development

- Emerged in 2008 from conversations between INASP and the ACU
- AIMS
  - improve **knowledge** of the context and needs of developing country colleagues
  - generate **discussion** among publishers
  - gain ideas for discussion with **editorial and IT colleagues**: how to reach developing-country researchers
  - serve as a **central place** for publishers to find information (reports, studies, links)



# PfD so far

- Session at **ALPSP 2009**
- Article in **Serials, November 2009** – “Publishers for Development (PfD): a new initiative to help researchers in developing countries”
- November 2009 – **Round Table meeting**
- May 2010 – **Publishers for Development Meeting in Oxford** including a chance for publishers to meet representatives of 22 INASP partner countries
  - **2010 meeting feedback**
    - “It’s the perfect forum for publishers and country co-ordinators alike to communicate, exchange ideas and build on partnerships.” Robert Iannello (Gale Cengage)



# PfD looking forward

- Newsletter
  - Twice yearly
  - Download at <http://www.inasp.info/pfd-newsletter>
- PfD in action case studies
- Forthcoming PfD Conference
  - Friday 2 December 2011
  - “Getting Research to Researchers in Developing Countries”

# Further Information

- Websites
  - ACU - [www.acu.ac.uk/pfd](http://www.acu.ac.uk/pfd)
  - INASP - [www.inasp.info/pfd](http://www.inasp.info/pfd)
  - PfD Dgroup - <http://dgroups.org/groups/pubs-for-dev>
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# The Journals Online Projects

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Sioux Cumming, INASP

# Journals Online Projects - JOLs

- Aims:
  - to increase global **visibility** of research from journals published in developing and emerging countries
  - to increase capacity of the editors to improve the **quality** of their journals and manage their journals **online**
- Collaboration with Public Knowledge Project

# What the Project Does

- Provides advice to journals wishing to publish online
- Provides a cost-effective and secure forum for online journals (via a system developed for groups of journals to publish on community websites)
- Thus, increases visibility and accessibility



2010

LAMJOL

1998



Asia Journals Online

2006



2007



2008



# Workshop in Asia....



# JOLs: Recent Statistics

<b>Country</b>	<b>No of Journals</b>	<b>Full Text</b>
Bangladesh	61	90%
Nepal	56	84%
Philippines	38	76%
Sri Lanka	34	91%
Vietnam	23	69%
Nicaragua/Honduras	7	86%
<b>Total</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>84%</b>

# Testimonials

- *It has been an excellent year for us. Till today we have received 47 manuscripts from authors around the world - highest ever in our 15 years' of publishing!*
  - Haseeb Md. Irfanullah, Executive Editor, BJPT -BanglaJOL
- *...the number of submissions has increased significantly. The increase is so significant, that I am considering suggesting to our publisher that we increase the number of issues per year from 2 to 3. The quality of the submissions has also improved!*
  - Allan Bernardo, Editor, Asia-Pacific Education Researcher - PhilJOL



# PhilJOL Newsletter



No 2 January 2009

## New journals added to PhilJOL

4 journals have joined PhilJOL since July 2008 giving a total of 26 journals. The new journals are:

*Emilio Aguinaldo College Research Bulletin*  
*Havay: A Journal of Interdisciplinary Theological Research*  
*Kritika: An Online Journal of Philosophy*  
*The Philippine Scientist*

Please do tell your colleagues about the website, and let us know if you have any recommendations for new journals to be added.

## Visitors to PhilJOL

Google Analytics shows that from 1 July—31 December 2008, there were 93,715 visits from 180 countries. The top three sources for visitors were: Philippines (68,553 visits from 56 cities), USA (7,959 visits from 2,063 cities) and Canada (1,869 visits from 145 cities). This shows excellent usage from the Philippines itself.

The graph on the next page shows visits each month since May 2008 when PhilJOL began. It indicates that there has been good usage of the site, but the drop in visits toward the end of the year highlights the need to keep loading new content so that visitors will return to the site.



Global distribution visitors to PhilJOL 1 July—31 Dec 2008



Location of visitors from the Philippines—68,553 from 56 cities



# VJOL Newsletter



No 3 January 2009

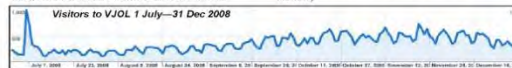
## New journals on VJOL

There are still 23 journals on the VJOL website. No new journals were added between July and December 2008. Management of VJOL will be transferred to Vietnam in April 2009 and will be based at NACESTI.

Don't forget to let us know if you have any recommendations for new journals to be added to the site.

## Visitors to VJOL

Google Analytics shows that from 1 July to 31 December 2008, there were 64,216 visitors to the VJOL website.



Global distribution of visitors to VJOL 1 July—31 Dec 2008



Location of visitors from Vietnam (46,036)



# BanglaJOL Newsletter



No 3 January 2009

## New journals on BanglaJOL

Eight journals have joined BanglaJOL since July giving a total of 24 journals. The new journals are:  
*Bangladesh Journal of Botany*  
*Bangladesh Medical Research Council Bulletin*  
*Chemical Engineering Research Bulletin*  
*Journal of Medicine*  
*Journal of Scientific Research*  
*Plant Tissue Culture and Biotechnology*  
*Stanford Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences*

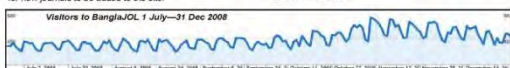
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## Visitors to BanglaJOL

Google Analytics shows that from 1 July—31 December 2008, there have been 79,892 visitors from 185 countries. The graph below shows visitors on a daily basis and indicates that usage began to increase during October and November.

Visitors to BanglaJOL came from 185 countries; the top three sources for visitors were: India (18,048 from 111 cities), USA (11,148 from 2,781 cities) and Bangladesh (8,861 from 5 cities).

Visitors to BanglaJOL on a monthly basis for the whole year are shown overleaf.



Global distribution visitors to BanglaJOL 1 July—31 December 2008



Location of visitors from Bangladesh—8,861 from 5 cities



Location of visitors from the USA—11,148 from 2,781 cities



Location of visitors from India—18,048 from 111 cities



# SLJOL Newsletter



No 1 January 2009

## Creation of SLJOL

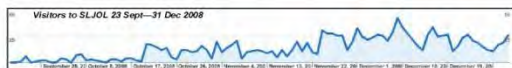
6 journals have joined SLJOL since it was created in September 2008. The journals on the site are:  
*Ceylon Journal of Medical Sciences*  
*Ceylon Medical Journal*  
*Journal of the National Science Foundation of Sri Lanka*  
*Sri Lanka Journal of Child Health*  
*Sri Lanka Journal of Critical Care*  
*Sri Lankan Journal of Physics*

Don't forget to let us know if you have any recommendations for new journals to be added to the site.

## Visitors to SLJOL

Google Analytics shows that from 23 September—31 December 2008, there were 1,364 visits from 82 countries. The graph below shows visits since SLJOL was launched. It indicates that there has been an overall increase in the number of visits but the site needs to be more actively used by the readers and authors of the journals, and more journals need to be included.

Visitors to SLJOL came from 82 countries; the top three sources for visitors were: Sri Lanka (341 from 4 cities), UK (259 from 51 cities) and USA (217 from 174 cities).



Global distribution of visitors to SLJOL 23 Sept—31 Dec 2008



Location of visitors from Sri Lanka—341 from 4 cities



Location of visitors from the UK—259 from 51 cities



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# NepJOL Newsletter



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## New journals on NepJOL

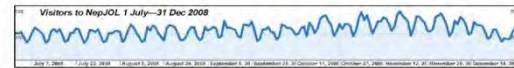
6 journals have joined NepJOL since 1 July 2008 giving a total of 31 journals. The new journals are:  
*Bulletin of the Department of Geology*  
*Bulletin of the Department of Plant Resources*  
*Himalayan Journal of Sociology and Anthropology*  
*Journal of Nepal Paediatric Society*  
*Journal of Wetlands Ecology*  
*Nepal Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology*

Don't forget to let us know if you have any recommendations for new journals to be added to the site.

## Visitors to NepJOL

Google Analytics shows that from 1 July—31 December 2008, there were 74,752 visits from 195 countries. The bar graph below shows visits each month since November 2007 when NepJOL began to use Google Analytics. It indicates that there has been an overall increase in the number of visits but the drop in December highlights the need to keep loading new content so that visitors will return to the site.

Visitors to NepJOL came from 195 countries; the top three sources for visitors were: India (14,929 from 110 cities), USA (13,000 from 2,789 cities) and Nepal (11,053 from 6 cities).



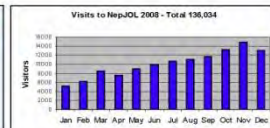
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Location of visitors from the USA—13,000 from 2,789 cities



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[Early bird deadline - 11th Annual BMJ  
West Africa Writing Workshop and the 1st  
BMJWA Open Access Seminar, Nigeria](#)

Abuja 11th & 12th July; Bauchi 14 & 15th;  
Calabar 18 & 19th; Lagos 21 & 22nd, 31 May  
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[Eppendorf & Science Prize for  
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## Latest News

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By [Barbara Gastel](#) | 03 June 2011  
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[Tariq H. Ismail](#) Egypt  
Research interests: Corporate Governance, Financial Reporting, Earnings  
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## Latest resources

[Association of American University  
Presses Resources](#)

[Publishing Strategies: The When-Where-  
What of Scientific Publishing](#)

[AuthorAID Tips of the Week 1-25](#)  
(PDF document, 66Kb)

["Plagiarism: Why is it such a big issue for  
medical writers?"](#)

[Zotero](#)

# AuthorAID History



- Idea of Anthony Robbins and Phyllis Freeman, editors of the *Journal of Public Health Policy*
- Emphasis on use of Internet as a vehicle
- Established 2007
- Now more than 3200 registrants on site
- Support and partners

# Main AuthorAID Components

- Mentoring—established via online matching
- Workshops on research writing—with an emphasis on training trainers
- Online knowledge community
  - Resource library
  - Blog
  - E-mail discussion list
  - Other

# Mentoring

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1. [Association of American University Presses Resources](#) | 03 June 2011  
Resources for authors, scholarly publishers, libraries, and others. Includes a grid listing main subject areas of interest of member presses. Also includes a set of FAQs on permissions and copyright.
2. [Publishing Strategies: The When-Where-What of Scientific Publishing](#) | 27 May 2011  
Video showing a panel discussion by researchers at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. Among the topics discussed are when to publish a paper, how to choose a suitable journal, how to decide authorship, how to respond to reviewers' comments, and how to write an effective cover letter. Moderated by Walter Pagel, director of the Department of Scientific Publications at MD Anderson.
3. [AuthorAID Tips of the Week 1-25](#) (PDF document, 66Kb) | 20 May 2011  
Weekly tips on writing and publishing. Prepared by AuthorAID graduate assistant Bernard Appiah. Original dates of posting: 1 December 2010 through 17 May 2011.
4. ["Plagiarism: Why is it such a big issue for medical writers?"](#) | 13 May 2011  
Article, by Natasha Das and Monica Panjabi, in the April-June 2011 issue of the journal Perspectives in Clinical Research. Although primarily for medical writers, also can aid authors in other fields. Includes a section on types of plagiarism and a set of tips for avoiding plagiarism.

## SciDev.Net

[Alien plants 'can help alleviate poverty'](#)

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For this meeting, I looked at the AAUP [website](#). The [resource section](#) of this website includes resources for authors, scholarly ...

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### [White Space: Giving Readers Mini-Vacations](#)

By [Barbara Gastel](#) | 29 May 2011

Greetings again. I hope that all is going well for you.

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- Spring 2011 issue of *INASP Newsletter*
- Available at <http://www.inasp.info/media/www/documents/INASP-Newsletter-44-w.pdf>

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# Potential Collaboration

# Potential for Collaboration

- Some initial thoughts

- AuthorAID

- Mentoring
    - Sharing of resources
    - Guest blog posts
    - Other

- Publishers for Development, Journals Online Projects, and other initiatives

- Your thoughts, please



# Thank you!

