APPENDIX – II

E-journals Access and Management: Consortia Models for India

Questionnaire for Consortia Users

Some of the questions are statements. Please mark the choice that best indicates the extent of your agreement and disagreement as it describes your personal experience/opinion (most -1 to least - 5 appropriately as specified in the example given below and respective questions):

1. Most preferred
2. Moderately preferred
3. Just preferred
4. Less preferred
5. Least preferred

1.0 General Information

Name :
Designation :
Department :
Name of the Organisation and Address :
Discipline :
Area of expertise (Please specify) :
Educational level : Graduate/Post Graduate/Doctorate
e-mail address :

2.0 Library Resources

2.1 Please mention your preference of resources by the type of documents (Most - 1 to Least - 5)

a) Document Types
   • Books (1 2 3 4 5)
   • Journals (1 2 3 4 5)
   • Annual Series (1 2 3 4 5)
2.2 Please mention preference of media of information resources (Most - 1 to Least - 5)

a) Books
- Print
- Electronic
- Combination of both print and electronic

b) E-Journals
- Print
- Electronic
- Combination of both print and electronic

c) Back volumes of journals
- Print
- Electronic
- Combination of print and electronic

d) Technical Reports
- Print
- Electronic
- Combination of print and electronic

e) Patents
- Print
- Electronic
- Combination of print and electronic

f) Standards
- Print
- Electronic
- Combination of print and electronic

g) Any other, please specify

2.3 Adequacy of e-resources for your requirement (Most - 1 to Least - 5)

- E-books
- E-journals
- Bibliographic databases
- E-Technical reports
- E-standards
- E-patents
- Any other, please specify
2.4 Please mention bibliographic databases you prefer to search (Most -1 to Least -5)

- Compendex
- Aerospace database
- INSPEC
- Medline
- Web of Science
- BIOSIS
- Chemical Abstracts
- PsycINFO
- NTIS
- ASFA
- LISA
- GeoRef
- ERIC
- EconLit
- International Pharmaceuticals Abstracts
- J-Gate
- Metadex (Metallurgical Abstracts)
- Sociological Abstracts
- Civil Engineering Abstracts
- Any other, please specify

3.0 Usage of Library & Information Resources

a) How frequently you use your library? (Most – 1 to Least –5)  
(1 2 3 4 5)

b) Mention your preference of the following library services: (Most – 1 to Least –5)

- Circulation of documents  
- Reprographic services  
- Inter-Library Loan  
- Reference service  
- SDI Services  
- On Demand Literature Search Service  
- Access to e-journals/e-books  
- CD-ROM / On-line Database Search  
- News Clipping Service  
- Table of Contents  
- User Education/Information Literacy

(1 2 3 4 5)

c) How do you get acquainted with your library services? (Most – 1 to Least –5)

- Informal discussion with library staff  
- On-site Guidance

(1 2 3 4 5)
• Library Guide or Manual (1 2 3 4 5)
• Circulars / Notice Board (1 2 3 4 5)
• Other Colleagues at the Institute (1 2 3 4 5)
• By regular visit to library (1 2 3 4 5)
• User education programme (1 2 3 4 5)
• Fellow colleagues (1 2 3 4 5)
• Online help/tutorial (1 2 3 4 5)
• Any other, please specify ............................................ (1 2 3 4 5)

d) If your library is providing following web-enabled information services, which of the following are important to you? Please specify in five-point scale (Most -1 to Least-5)

• Access to your Library OPAC (1 2 3 4 5)
• Table of contents of journals (1 2 3 4 5)
• News Clipping Service (1 2 3 4 5)
• Gateway for giving access to e-journals (1 2 3 4 5)
• Inter-Library Lending Service (1 2 3 4 5)
• Documents recommendation for acquisition (1 2 3 4 5)
• FAQs (1 2 3 4 5)
• Documents Acquisition Lists (1 2 3 4 5)
• List of Current Journals/Holdings (1 2 3 4 5)
• Links to Documents Selection tools like Publishers Catalogues/Online Book shops (1 2 3 4 5)
• Any other, please specify ............................................ (1 2 3 4 5)

4.0 E-Journals

4.1 Since how long of

4.2 Please mention your preference in five point scale (Most -1 to Least - 5)

• Since how long you are accessing e-journals? 5 year/4 years/ 3 Years/2 years/1 year (1 2 3 4 5)
• E-journals are used more frequently than printed journals? (1 2 3 4 5)
• Prefer to stop subscription of print version of the journals for e-version? (1 2 3 4 5)
• Print+ online is better for ever? (1 2 3 4 5)
• E-journals are going to be free online in future? (1 2 3 4 5)
• Back volumes of all the journals are going to free online? (1 2 3 4 5)
• Do you think that the print version will be phased out totally? (1 2 3 4 5)
• E-journals will enhance access/visibility to scientific papers (1 2 3 4 5)

4.3 Please mention your preference for method of accessing e-journal articles
(Most -1 to Least – 5)

a) Browsing

• Alphabetically by journal title (1 2 3 4 5)
• Titles listed under subject category (1 2 3 4 5)

b) Using Search Engine (for Global search)

• Quick search (1 2 3 4 5)
• Advanced search (1 2 3 4 5)
4.4 Which of the following elements you prefer for database searching
(Most -1 to Least -5)
- Author (1 2 3 4 5)
- Title (1 2 3 4 5)
- Keywords (1 2 3 4 5)
- Thesaurus (1 2 3 4 5)
- Phrase search (1 2 3 4 5)
- Combination of the above, please specify ........................................... (1 2 3 4 5)

4.5 Which format do you prefer for PDF / HTML / RTF / DOC

downloading articles from e-journals?

4.6 Do you create desk top database of articles of your interest for your future requirement?

Yes ☐ No ☐

- If Yes, which of the following tools/ software you used for this Purpose?
  - Reference Manager
  - Reference Web
  - Any other, please specify

5.0 Infrastructure for E-resource Access

a) Do you have an exclusive PC at your working Place? Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, whether the PCs is connected to your campus LAN? Yes ☐ No ☐

b) Do you think that the numbers of PCs available in your library are sufficient? Yes ☐ No ☐

If No, Please specify the ratio of PCs preferred for the users
- Users: Computer
  - 1:1 (1 2 3 4 5)
  - 2:1 (1 2 3 4 5)
  - 3:1 (1 2 3 4 5)
- Any other ratio, please specify ........................................... (1 2 3 4 5)

c) Do you have Internet connectivity? Yes ☐ No ☐

d) Do you feel that Internet bandwidth / speed you have is adequate for accessing e-journals and downloading full text articles? Yes ☐ No ☐

e) Your preference for Internet Browser (Most -1 to Least -5):
  - Netscape Navigator (1 2 3 4 5)
  - Internet Explorer (1 2 3 4 5)
f) Your preference of Internet Search Engine / Directories (Most -1 to Least - 5):

- Google (1 2 3 4 5)
- Yahoo (1 2 3 4 5)
- Teoma (1 2 3 4 5)
- MSN Search (1 2 3 4 5)
- HotBot (1 2 3 4 5)
- Gigablast (1 2 3 4 5)
- Infomine (1 2 3 4 5)
- Exite (1 2 3 4 5)
- LookSmart (1 2 3 4 5)
- WebCrawler (1 2 3 4 5)
- Librarians' Index (1 2 3 4 5)
- Any other, please specify ............................................. (1 2 3 4 5)

g) Your preference place for accessing e-journals (Most -1 to Least - 5):

- Your working place (1 2 3 4 5)
- Library (1 2 3 4 5)
- Residence (1 2 3 4 5)
- Wireless Access (WAP) (1 2 3 4 5)
- Any other, please specify ........................................................... (1 2 3 4 5)

6.0 Library Consortia

6.1 Have you heard about the following library consortia for e-resources access?

- CSIR Consortia
- INDEST (MHRD Supported for IITs, IISc, IIMs, Engg Colleges)
- INFLIBNET's Infonet (UGC Consortia for Universities)
- FORSA (Forum for Resource Sharing in Astrophysics)
- HELINET of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS)
- Department of Atomic Energy
- Any other, please specify

6.2 How you came to know about this consortia? : Through library staff / Journals/ e-mail/ Through colleagues/ Internet / Lis-forum

6.3 Your preferred opinion on the following statements on CONSORTIA (Most 1 – Least 5)

- Provides access to maximum number of journals at less cost (1 2 3 4 5)
- Being member of more than one consortia enhances the access to more relevant journals, otherwise normally not available (1 2 3 4 5)
- Each consortia member has to maintain backup of all journals accessed (1 2 3 4 5)
- It is enough to maintain backup of most relevant journals only (1 2 3 4 5)
- Back up of journals should be maintained by consortia host and make available to members (1 2 3 4 5)
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- Difficult to maintain cohesiveness with consortia host and other members (1 2 3 4 5)
- Maintenance and updation of technology from time to time for easy access is difficult (1 2 3 4 5)
- Due to open access and free journals on Net, consortia is not necessary (1 2 3 4 5)
- There is a need to have single search engine / gateway for providing access to full-text journals of different publishers (1 2 3 4 5)

6.4 Please give your comment on the future of the consortia and your prediction (keeping Open Access and Free journals on Internet)?

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7.0 Any other comments/suggestions: .................................................................
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Please return the filled in questionnaire either to my address given below OR to your librarian who gave this questionnaire to you:

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