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Library and Documentation

The Library of IASRI is one of the Regional Libraries of NARS (National Agricultural Research System) of the country. The Library has an excellent print and electronic resource base in the fields of Agricultural Statistics, Computer Applications, Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Bioinformatics and allied sciences to support teaching, research and consultancy in the relevant areas. This is a sole referral library in Agricultural Statistics and Computer Applications in India. It caters to the information needs of students, faculty, researchers, scientists and trainees etc. not only of IASRI but also from different Institutes of ICAR and State Agricultural Universities under NARS both in conventional as well as electronic format.

The Library Advisory Committee plays an important role in management of the Library and it clears proposals relating to enrichment of resources of the library such as books, journals, on-line bibliographical, statistical, abstract and CD-ROM databases as well as infrastructural development etc. The Library Advisory Committee for the year 2010-11 was as under:

Dr. VK Bhatia	Chairman
Dr. VK Gupta	Member
Dr. Prajneshu	Member
Dr. Ranjana Agrawal	Member
Dr. PK Malhotra	Member
Dr. Rajender Parsad	Member
Dr. UC Sud	Member
Dr. Anil Rai	Member

Sr. Administrative Officer	Member
Finance & Account Officer	Member
Sh. Shrikant	Student Representative
Dr. (Mrs.) P Visakhi	Member Secretary

The internal administration and organization of the Library & Information System was supervised by Dr. (Mrs.) P Visakhi, Librarian till 14 February 2011 under the guidance of Dr. PK Malhotra as Scientist-in-Charge, Library.

Library has updated its well featured website <http://lib.iasri.res.in> which is available to the users at IASRI on the Intranet.

Physical Verification of Library Holdings

Stock of library documents have been verified by the Committee specially constituted for the purpose by Competent authority and preliminary report has been received in library for further necessary action.

During the year, the library provided following services to its users.

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- (i) All resources added during the year in the library have been classified, catalogued and bar-coded and updated in the Library Bibliographical Database using "Alice for Windows" Library Management software.

- (ii) Full text of M.Sc. and Ph.D. Theses added during the period have been digitized and added in online digital format.
- (iii) Library users were given hands-on training whenever necessary on the use of library computerized services/resources.
- (iv) All trainees of the short term training programmes held in the Institute were given lectures and hands-on training on “On-line Library Information Services”.

Collection Development

The library continues to maintain its excellent collection of scientific literature in the form of Books, Journals, Reports, Theses, CD-ROM/on-line bibliographical databases etc.

During the period under report Library subscribed/renewed the following Bibliographical, Statistical and Abstracting on-line portals

- Indiastat.com (<http://www.indiastat.com>)
- Indian Harvest (<http://lib.iasri.res.in/cmie.asp>)
- Developing Library Network (<http://delnet.nic.in>)

Periodicals

- i. Indian Journals - 30 (Print)
- ii. Foreign Journals - 49 (Print)

Computerized Services

- On-line Catalogue - OPAC
- Archival Database (Digitized Theses is and Old & Fragile Journals) - 2
- On-line Journals - 38

- On-line Bibliographical Database - 6
- CD-ROM Database (On-line and Off-line) - 25
- Internet Search
- On-line Enquiry (OPAC)
- Current Awareness Service (New Arrivals)
- On-line Reservation of Documents
- On-line User Profile Service

Statistics Relating to the Library

Item	Number
Number of text books added (English)	3
Number of reference books added (English)	184
Number of books added (Hindi)	36
Number of grey literature added	109
Number of Indian journals subscribed	30
Number of Foreign journals subscribed	49
Number of on-line journals subscribed (Indian and Foreign)	38
Number of electronic and printed theses added	11
Number of publications issued from the library	15,000
Number of users visited library website	32,000
Number of articles (Electronic+Print) received from DELNET	46
Number of books received on inter-library loan through DELNET	20
Number of outside users accessed e-services in library premises (NARS)	650
Number of publications lent out on inter-library loan	46
Number of readers visited and consulted the library	16,500
Number of scientific and technical papers reprographed (pages)	11,800
Number of CD-ROM added	23
Number of articles provided under CeRA document delivery	275
Services including digital format internet/databases access searches	70,000