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From Director's Desk

Dear friends,

The pivotal role of libraries in disseminating knowledge cannot be overstated. Among them, the National Medical Library (NML) stands as an open gateway for information seekers within the medical fraternity. Moreover, it warmly welcomes other individuals who seek references from its vast resources. While several medical libraries across India cater to the needs of specific institutions or targeted groups, NML surpasses these limitations. Its services extend far beyond the confines of a single institution, ministry, college, city, or state, reaching out to all information seekers across the nation and even from abroad. Moreover, ERMED's contribution to enhancing research output extends beyond resource access. The consortium proactively promotes and supports the dissemination of research findings, inspiring scholars to publish their work in reputable journals and share their knowledge with the wider scientific community.

I am pleased to share that the Electronic Resources in Medicine (ERMED) consortium has been successfully operating since 2008, playing a pivotal role in satisfying the information needs of faculties, researchers, students, and others. Currently, the consortium provides access to 74 centrally funded medical and research institutions, including 8 AIIMS, in addition to NML. As the NML receives a continuous influx of membership requests from both government and private institutions, it highlights the consortium's growing recognition and impact within the medical community. Institutions across the country have come to recognize the immense value of ERMED's resources and are eager to be part of this transformative journey. As the ERMED Consortium continues to evolve, it remains steadfast in its commitment to enhancing the quality and scope of available resources. Efforts are ongoing to include more high-quality journals in the consortium and expand its accessibility to benefit the medical fraternity at large.

An additional achievement for NML is the provision of free access to the Access Medicine database published by McGraw Hill for all ERMED consortium members. This further enhances the wealth of available resources.

Furthermore, I am delighted to inform you that the long-awaited demand for remote access to all NML resources has been fulfilled. Since April, the remote access facility for NML resources has been made available through the MyLoft app. This feature enables members to access desired information from distant locations in Delhi & NCR.

Dear members, NML is continuously evolving, with ongoing efforts to develop new and essential databases and initiate new services for your benefit. I earnestly request all members to take full advantage of NML's services and, in return, kindly disseminate crucial information to all those concerned. Your active participation will contribute significantly to the growth and impact of the library's efforts in advancing medical knowledge and research.

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ERMED CONSORTIUM: UNINTERRUPTED SINCE 2008

The Electronic Resources in Medicine (ERMED) Consortium stands for collaborative excellence and transformative impact within the medical landscape of India. From its inception in 2008, this visionary initiative, spearheaded by the Directorate General of Health Services (DteGHS), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, has continued to expand its horizons, leaving an indelible mark on the academic and research community.

One of the most remarkable aspects of the ERMED Consortium's growth is the unwavering commitment to cater to the diverse information needs of the medical fraternity. Through its seamless operation, the consortium has effectively bridged the information gap, empowering students, researchers, faculties, and information seekers across the country. By creating a united front of 75 state and centrally funded government institutions, including esteemed members such as 8 AIIMS, ERMED has nurtured a spirit of cooperation, enabling a free flow of knowledge and expertise.

At the core of its ethos lies inclusivity, ensuring that institutions of all sizes and capacities can access its wealth of resources. The strategic categorization of membership into Level - I and Level - II, based on the number of end-users in respective institutes, has democratized access to critical medical literature. This approach has democratized access to cutting-edge research and knowledge, regardless of an institution's size or location, resulting in a nationwide network of interconnected minds committed to advancing medical science and healthcare.

The consortium's dedication to facilitating knowledge dissemination is further exemplified by its unique stance on membership fees. In a world where access to resources is often hindered by financial barriers, the ERMED Consortium stands apart by providing its services without any monetary burden on its members. This noble endeavor is made possible through the wholehearted support of the Directorate General of Health Services Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), which has generously funded the acquisition of electronic journals under the NML-ERMED project. The MoHFW belief in the transformative potential of this initiative underscores its commitment to nurturing a knowledgeable and skilled medical workforce.

The consortium's reach and influence are further amplified through its collaborations with six prominent publishers:

- British Medical Journal Publishing,
- Cambridge University Press,
- Lippincott Williams & Wilkins,
- Oxford University Press,
- John Wiley
- McGraw Hill.

By accessing the online 221 high-quality e-journals and 190+ ebooks from these reputable publishers, ERMED ensures that its members have access to a vast and diverse collection of academic resources. This rich repository spans various medical disciplines, empowering researchers, clinicians, and educators to explore, innovate, and contribute to the advancement of medical knowledge.



The dedication to continuous improvement and expansion is a testament to the consortium's visionary outlook. Despite financial constraints, the consortium persistently seeks ways to include more institutions in its fold, striving to provide the benefits of its resources to an ever-wider spectrum of the medical community. This resolute pursuit is driven by the understanding that a well-informed and empowered medical community can usher in ground-breaking discoveries, improve patient care, and tackle pressing healthcare challenges. In conclusion, the Electronic Resources in Medicine (ERMED) Consortium represents a transformative force in the Indian medical landscape. Its growth and impact over the years reflect a deep-rooted commitment to knowledge-sharing, collaboration, and progress. By uniting government institutions, fostering inclusivity, providing free access, and leveraging strategic partnerships with reputable publishers, ERMED has emerged as a model for successful information dissemination and academic cooperation. With the National Medical Library at its helm, the consortium is poised to continue its trajectory of excellence, driving advancements in medical research and education, and ultimately, contributing to the betterment of public health and well-being across the nation.

AIMS & BENEFITS OF E-JOURNAL CONSORTIUM

1. The National Medical Library's Electronic Resources in Medicine (NML-ERMED) Consortium provides round-the-clock instant online access to its extensive collection of resources. Users can access these resources using their IP address and customer ID, ensuring seamless access for multiple users simultaneously.
2. Through the ERMED Consortium, users can transcend the constraints of physical space and time typically associated with traditional libraries. They can now access the vast array of e-journal resources directly from their departments, fostering convenience and efficiency in their research and academic pursuits.
3. The consortium model offered by publishers plays a pivotal role in enhancing the overall value of the resources. It facilitates cross-sharing among member institutions, thereby broadening the scope and accessibility of the resources. Consortium members also benefit from increased resource depth through access to back volumes and resource breadth through non-subscribed titles. Additionally, the consortium enables negotiable pricing for subscribed titles, optimizing cost-effectiveness for all members.
4. The ultimate objective of any e-Journal consortium is to bridge the gap and make online journal literature easily accessible to medical scholars across the country, including those in remote or less accessible regions. This goal is achieved through the extensive reach of electronic media, fostering a democratization of knowledge dissemination.
5. In the electronic environment, the management of information resources becomes more streamlined and efficient. The consortium enables centralized coordination and organization of electronic resources, ensuring seamless access for members and facilitating better resource management.
6. By transitioning from traditional print resources to electronic formats, the burdens associated with archiving and managing physical materials are significantly reduced. This not only saves physical space but also minimizes the time and effort required for resource maintenance.
7. Dissemination of e-journal literature proves to be faster, more economical, and highly efficient compared to traditional print-based distribution. The instantaneous access to electronic resources eliminates the delays inherent in physical distribution, ensuring timely availability of the latest research and information to scholars and researchers across the medical fraternity.



NML-ERMED WHATSAPP GROUP: A HUB OF INFORMATION EXCHANGE

In 2012, the National Medical Library (NML) took the initiative to create a WhatsApp group titled “NML - ERMED” with the primary aim of fostering seamless communication and collaboration among ERMED members, publishers, and NML staff. Over the years, this group has evolved into a vital platform for exchanging information and resolving day-to-day information needs and issues.

The group serves as a dynamic hub where members actively share not only ERMED-related matters but also their requirements for articles and information beyond the scope of the ERMED Consortium. The collaborative spirit of the group comes to the forefront as members who have access to specific articles or information readily extend their assistance to others in need.

Moreover, the NML actively contributes to the group by disseminating notifications, requests, and valuable information pertaining to ERMED. This proactive engagement from the NML further enriches the exchange of knowledge and enhances the overall effectiveness of the group in serving the interests of all stakeholders. Through the “NML - ERMED” WhatsApp group, a spirit of camaraderie and cooperation has blossomed, transcending organizational boundaries and fostering a vibrant community of individuals united by their common interest in medical literature and research. This dynamic forum exemplifies the power of technology in facilitating seamless collaboration and information sharing within the medical fraternity, ultimately benefiting all its members.

NML COMMENCES ACCESS TO ACCESS MEDICINE DATABASE: A MILESTONE IN KNOWLEDGE DISSEMINATION

The National Medical Library (NML) continues to elevate its status as a premier institution in the medical field through the expansion of its e-resources. In March 2023, the dynamics of the NML Library underwent a transformative change as we added the highly relevant and invaluable Access Medicine Database from McGraw Hill to our repertoire. This addition has proven to be immensely beneficial to the health science community and has been made accessible to 64 member institutes including NML, under the NML ERMED Consortium with the approval of DGHS.

The Access Medicine Database serves as an indispensable resource supporting medical education and clinical practice. It encompasses a wealth of valuable collections, including over

160+ book titles

2000+ clinical cases

37,900+ self-assessment questions

2900+ videos, audio, and multimedia resources

600+ infographics

7000+ patient education guides

257,000+ high-resolution images

130+ audio podcasts





With this inclusion, NML is committed to empowering researchers, faculties, students, and information seekers within the medical fraternity with the latest and most comprehensive knowledge. This initiative aligns perfectly with our mission of fostering progress and innovation in the medical landscape through the power of information.

RARE HORNBILL SIGHTED AT NML CAMPUS


☞ The lush and serene campus of the National Medical Library (NML) serves as a captivating oasis not just for information seekers but also for various species of birds that have chosen it as their permanent habitat. The melodious chirping of these birds fills the air, providing a harmonious backdrop to the bustling activities of the library.

In the month of May, a delightful and rare sighting occurred when the officials of NML spotted an Indian grey hornbill (*Ocyceros birostris*) within the premises. The Indian grey hornbill is a commonly found hornbill species across the Indian subcontinent. Often seen in pairs, this arboreal bird is adorned with beautiful grey feathers covering its body, while its belly exhibits a light grey or dull white hue. The horn itself is black or dark grey, accentuated by a casque that extends to the curvature point of the horn. The Indian grey hornbill is characterized by its distinctive appearance. It has grey feathers covering most of its body, with a contrasting light grey or dull white belly. One of the most prominent features is its large horn-like bill, which is black or dark grey in colour and is complemented by a casque on top. The casque extends up to the curvature point of the bill, adding to its unique and striking appearance.

These hornbills are known for their melodious calls and can be heard chirping throughout the day. They are omnivorous and feed on a variety of foods, including fruits, insects, small vertebrates, and occasionally even small birds. Remarkably, the Indian grey hornbill has managed to adapt to urban environments, making appearances in many cities where they cleverly utilize large trees in avenues to thrive. It is a testament to their resilience and ability to coexist with human activities.

Capturing this exceptional moment, Mr. Shuaib Ahmad, ALIO, took photographs of the hornbill, preserving the enchanting sight for posterity. We are delighted to share these captivating images below, allowing our readers to revel in the beauty of nature's marvels that grace the NML campus. The presence of these





magnificent creatures adds to the library's allure and reaffirms the importance of preserving the ecological balance in our surroundings.

Let us cherish these moments of natural splendor and continue to appreciate and protect the diverse wildlife that finds solace within the tranquil confines of the National Medical Library.

NML ADDED 440 HIGH STANDARD MEDICAL BOOKS TO ITS COLLECTION

☞ We are delighted to share the wonderful news with all members of the National Medical Library (NML) that during the last quarter, from 1st April 2023 to 30th June 2023, the library has made significant strides in enhancing its already rich collection. Over 440 latest editions of high-standard medical and other books have been added to our repository, ensuring that our members have access to the most up-to-date and valuable resources.

The NML is committed to further augmenting its collection by acquiring and incorporating more quality books, ensuring that our members have access to a diverse range of knowledge in the medical field and beyond. We continuously strive to provide resources that cater to the diverse research interests and academic pursuits of our esteemed members.

Furthermore, we value the suggestions and feedback from our members. As we aim to cater to your specific needs, we wholeheartedly welcome any recommendations for particular medical books that you believe would be valuable additions to our collection. Rest assured that your genuine demands will be thoughtfully considered by the competent authority, and every effort will be made to accommodate the inclusion of requested titles.



DAILY MEDICAL NEWS SERVICES

☞ The National Medical Library (NML) is pleased to introduce its Daily Medical News Service in an efficient and convenient e-mode, available to all members and information seekers starting from December 2022. With the increasing reliance on digital platforms for accessing information, the NML has embraced this modern approach to cater to the diverse needs of its users.

To provide the most comprehensive and up-to-date medical news coverage, the NML curates news from the e-editions of seven prominent national dailies. These reputable newspapers include Times of India,




Hindustan Times, Indian Express, The Hindu, The Asian Age, Navbharat Times (Hindi), Hindustan (Hindi), and Rashtriya Sahara (Hindi). By sourcing information from these reliable sources, the NML ensures that its users receive the latest and most relevant medical news on a daily basis.

The process begins with the NML meticulously copying the selected medical news along with their respective URLs from the e-editions of these newspapers. Subsequently, the compiled news items are thoughtfully arranged in a pre-designed format, ensuring optimal readability and user-friendliness. To facilitate easy access and distribution, the curated news articles are then converted into PDF format.

The NML takes great care to ensure the timely delivery of this valuable service to its users. Each day, the compiled PDF file containing the selected medical news from the aforementioned dailies is diligently emailed to the recipients, offering them a convenient and accessible way to stay informed on the latest developments in the medical field.

By introducing the Daily Medical News Service in e-mode, the NML reaffirms its commitment to providing cutting-edge and efficient information dissemination services to the medical fraternity. This initiative aligns perfectly with our mission to foster knowledge sharing and support the academic pursuits of our users. We are dedicated to continuously enhancing our offerings to meet the evolving needs of our valued members and information seekers, ensuring that the National Medical Library remains at the forefront of promoting medical excellence and research..


REMOTELY ACCESSING NML RESOURCES

 The National Medical Library (NML) takes immense pride in introducing the MyLOFT (My Library On Fingertips) app, specially curated to benefit our esteemed members. This app has been exclusively made available to NML members residing in Delhi and the National Capital Region (NCR), granting them seamless access to a wealth of e-resources, including ERMED Consortia and Access Medicine. One of the standout features of the MyLOFT app is its ability to empower users to save content and access it offline. This



functionality ensures that members can conveniently download and store essential resources, making them readily available even without an internet connection. It allows users to carry a wealth of medical knowledge in their pocket, ideal for professionals constantly on the move.

The app serves as a gateway to the library's vast array of subscribed e-resources, further enriching the research and academic pursuits of our members. With just a few taps on their mobile devices or laptops, members can explore a comprehensive collection of valuable medical literature. Moreover, MyLOFT enables users to read and follow RSS feeds, thereby keeping them updated with the latest developments and news in the medical field. This real-time information can prove to be immensely valuable for staying at the forefront of medical advancements. To facilitate effective organization of content, the app offers tagging and organizational features, ensuring that users can efficiently manage their resources and access them with



ease. Highlighting and playing content are additional functionalities that add to the app's user-friendly experience. Furthermore, the auto-play and listen features elevate the app's accessibility for users who prefer audio content consumption. This capability caters to various learning styles and preferences, making knowledge dissemination more inclusive and flexible.

MyLOFT is designed to be versatile, accessible via both laptops and mobile phones, allowing users the freedom to access their resources on the platform of their choice. With the MyLOFT app, the NML continues its commitment to harnessing technology for the benefit of its members, providing them with a cutting-edge tool to enhance their research, education, and professional development. We are dedicated to continuously improving our services and offerings, ensuring that the National Medical Library remains at the forefront of promoting medical excellence and knowledge dissemination.

NML LOGO

☞ The significance of a logo as a distinct and recognizable identifier cannot be overstated. The National Medical Library (NML) is fully cognizant of this fact and is dedicatedly working towards the creation of a perfect logo that befits its stature and unique identity. The logo serves as a symbol of the organization's values, principles, and mission, representing its essence to the world. The NML's commitment to establishing a distinguished and iconic logo is evident in its meticulous efforts. Several logo designs have been thoughtfully crafted and presented for consideration by the competent authorities. Each design is a reflection of the NML's character, embodying its dedication to advancing medical knowledge and fostering academic excellence.

The process of logo selection is undertaken with utmost care and thoughtfulness, ensuring that the chosen logo truly resonates with the values and vision of the National Medical Library. It is anticipated that this endeavor will culminate in the selection of a logo that truly encapsulates the essence of the NML and represents it with pride and distinction. Once finalized, the NML's logo will become an integral part of its identity, gracing all documents, buildings, offices, communications, and events, both within and beyond its premises. This logo will serve as a proud emblem of the NML, reinforcing its presence and reputation in the medical community and beyond.

As the NML takes strides towards a brighter future, the forthcoming logo will stand as a testament to its unwavering commitment to excellence and innovation in advancing medical research and education. It is with great anticipation and enthusiasm that the NML looks forward to unveiling its emblem, solidifying its unique identity, and proudly representing its dedication to the betterment of medical knowledge and healthcare.

NML WEBINARS AND PHYSICAL MEETS

☞ The National Medical Library (NML) takes immense pride in the successful management of the ERMED Consortium and Access Medicine database, catering to the information needs of its widespread members across India. In addition to these invaluable resources, the NML goes above and beyond to enhance knowledge dissemination and foster a sense of community among its ERMED Consortium members through regular webinars and physical meets held at various locations across the country.

The NML's webinars and users meets serve as dynamic platforms for engagement, where representatives from esteemed publishers address the audience. These events are thoughtfully organized at member



institutes, strategically chosen to accommodate participants from adjoining areas, ensuring maximum attendance and benefiting those seeking easier and more efficient access to the consortium. Through these well-orchestrated events, the NML strives to empower its members with the latest insights and updates from the world of medical literature. Participants gain valuable knowledge about utilizing the ERMED Consortium resources effectively, maximizing the potential of these offerings in their research and academic pursuits. The NML takes immense pride in the success of these initiatives, which have become a cornerstone of fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing among the medical fraternity. By bringing together researchers, faculties, and students from various institutions, these events facilitate networking opportunities, creating a vibrant community of medical professionals dedicated to advancing healthcare and research. The commitment of the NML to the continual growth and development of the medical community is evident through the following webinars and users meets organized under the ERMED Consortium.

The NML remains steadfast in its dedication to supporting the medical fraternity and promoting excellence in medical education, research, and practice. As we look ahead, we are eager to continue organizing such impactful events, fostering collaboration and innovation for the greater benefit of the medical community and society at large.

Physical Meets

The National Medical Library (NML) has put forward a series of physical training meetings aimed at imparting comprehensive training on the subscribed resources available through the Electronic Resources in Medicine (ERMED) Consortium. The primary objective of these training sessions is to enhance the usage of these valuable academic resources among the medical community, including students, researchers, faculties, and other information seekers. The Glimpses and details of a few of the physical training meetings conducted by the National Medical Library (NML) as part of the Electronic Resources in Medicine (ERMED) Consortium:

Half Day User Training and Awareness Program on ERMED Consortium, at ICMR-National Institute of Virology, MCC Pashan, Pune on date: 29th May 2023





AIIMS, Mangalagiri

ICMR-National Institute of Virology, Pune organized Half Day **“User Training and Awareness Program on ERMED Consortium”** on 29th May 2023 at Conference Hall, MCC-NIV Pashan Campus Pune. Total number 23 participants consisting senior scientists, technical staff, Ph.D. students, Library professionals from ICMR-NIV Pune, ICMR-NARI, Pune, and AFMC, Pune attended the programme. Mrs. Vandana Chandere, was the organizing secretary of the program.

User Training and Awareness Program to Facilitate Optimum Utilization of ERMED Consortium was organized at Learning Resource Centre, AIIMS, Nagpur at 2.00 PM to 5.00 PM on 7-06-2023.

Representatives from all five Publishers made the presentations and briefed the participants about the easy access of the resources from ERMED. The program was attended by a total number of 30 participants from BMLIRC, Bhopal and Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Sevagram. Few pics of the program.

User Training and Awareness Program to facilitate optimum use of ERMED Consortium by the NML, New Delhi and organized by the Learning Resource Centre, AIIMS, Nagpur from 2.00 PM to 5.00 PM.

User Training and Awareness Program on ERMED Consortium, organized at AIIMS, Mangalagiri, from 2.00 PM to 5.00 PM on 21st June 2023.



27-06-2023, AIIMS, Bhatinda



HoDs, faculties, library committee members, library staff, tutors/ demonstrators, SRs, JR's from the AIIMS, Managlagiri and from Rangaraya Medical College, Kakinada attended the programme. Publisher's representatives of the ERMED Consortia made good presentations and answered the queries of the participants. A total number of 54 participants attended the programme and benefited.

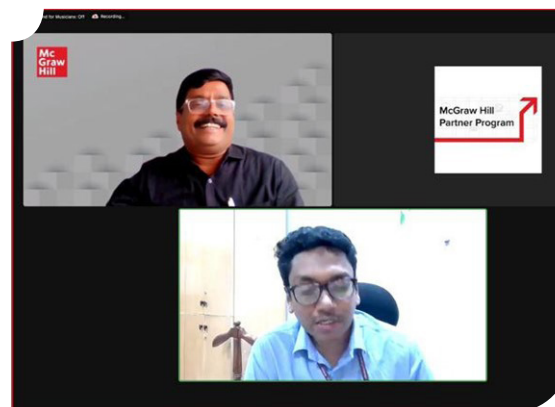
WEBINAR ON ACCESS MEDICINE DATABASE

To facilitate this knowledge-sharing initiative, McGraw Hill, the esteemed publishers of Access Medicine, graciously hosted the webinar, providing expert insights into navigating and harnessing the potential of their e-books and database. The collaborative efforts of the NML and McGraw Hill culminated in a comprehensive and interactive session, aimed at unlocking the full benefits of this invaluable resource.

The webinar received an overwhelming response from the medical community, with an unprecedented attendance of 246 participants. The enthusiastic participation reflects the eagerness of users to enhance their research, education, and clinical practice with the help of Access Medicine. During the webinar, attendees were guided through the various features and functionalities of Access Medicine, equipping them with the necessary skills to make the most of this cutting-edge database. The session encompassed valuable tips and techniques on searching for specific medical topics, accessing the latest medical literature, and efficiently utilizing e-books for offline reading, among other key aspects.

The NML, being at the forefront of promoting knowledge dissemination, is elated by the tremendous success of the webinar. This remarkable turnout reflects the strong bond and collaborative spirit within the medical community, as members actively embrace opportunities to enhance their professional development and contribute to medical advancements. The resounding success of the Webinar on Access Medicine reaffirms the NML's unwavering commitment to supporting its users and continually elevating the medical knowledge landscape. We express our heartfelt gratitude to all participants for their active engagement and dedication to staying at the forefront of medical excellence.

As we look ahead, the NML remains steadfast in its mission to facilitate access to cutting-edge resources and create an informed and empowered medical community. We eagerly anticipate organizing more such initiatives, fostering collaboration, and driving progress in the pursuit of advancing Medical Research and healthcare.



ONE DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ERMED CONSORTIUM

The National Medical Library, under the esteemed Directorate General of Health Services (DteGHS), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, takes immense pride in announcing a momentous event, the "National Conference on ERMED Consortium: Empowering Libraries for Digital Health Transformation." This prestigious conference is scheduled to take place on 11th August 2023 at the National Academy of Medical Sciences, adjacent to the National Medical Library, located on Ring Road, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi. We are deeply honored to have Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar, Hon'ble Union Minister of State, Ministry of Health




& Family Welfare, Government of India as the esteemed Chief Guest, who will inaugurate the conference. Adding to the significance of the event, Sh. Sudhansh Pant, Secretary, MoHFW, and Prof (Dr.) Atul Goel, Director General of Health Services, will grace the occasion as the Guests of Honor. The presence of such distinguished guests exemplifies the importance of this conference in promoting digital health transformation and knowledge dissemination.

The conference is expected to witness the participation of over 250 delegates from various esteemed medical institutions across the country. The primary objective of this gathering is to deliberate upon the critical issues surrounding digital knowledge, the ERMED Consortium, and facilitating easy access for end users. As the digital landscape continues to evolve, the conference aims to explore innovative ways to leverage ERMED Consortium's vast resources for the benefit of the medical community.

In line with the theme of the conference, representatives from renowned publishers such as British Medical Publishing, Cambridge University Press, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, Oxford University Press, McGraw Hill and John Wiley will be present to share their insights. These representatives will actively engage with the delegates, addressing queries related to their online journals and ensuring seamless and hassle-free access to these valuable resources. At the heart of this conference lies the NML's unwavering commitment to maximizing the utilization of the journals, ebooks and data base included in the consortium. The NML endeavours to ensure that the benefits of these resources reach the end users effectively, fostering an environment of study and continuous learning within the country's medical community.

As we anticipate this momentous gathering, the NML eagerly looks forward to fostering collaborative partnerships and driving transformative change in the digital health landscape. Together, let us endeavour to empower libraries and strengthen the foundations of medical knowledge dissemination, ultimately advancing healthcare excellence and research in our nation.


LIBRARY TRAINING

 To fulfill its mission of nurturing skilled library science professionals in the field of Health Science Librarianship, the National Medical Library (NML) proudly conducts practical training programs for library science students. This initiative plays a pivotal role in equipping librarians with the essential knowledge and hands-on experience.

Continuing its commitment to this endeavor, the NML welcomed a cohort of students from Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and Meera Bai Institute of Technology, who enthusiastically participated in the practical training program this year. Ten dedicated students were provided with invaluable opportunities to immerse themselves in the workings of the NML, fostering their skills and expertise in the intricacies of health science libraries.

Throughout the one and three months training periods, the students received comprehensive exposure and hands-on training across various sections of the NML. Under the mentorship of seasoned professionals, these aspiring librarians gained insights into the day-to-day operations of a premier medical library.





They had the privilege of actively engaging with diverse resources, specialized databases, and advanced technological systems utilized for information retrieval and dissemination.

By providing this enriching learning experience, the NML seeks to nurture the potential of these future library science professionals, equipping them with the necessary tools to excel in the dynamic field of health science librarianship. The practical training program emphasizes practical application, encouraging students to translate theoretical knowledge into real-world scenarios, enhancing their problem-solving abilities and professional acumen.

The NML takes immense pride in being a facilitator of learning and fostering the growth of competent library science professionals. As these students return to their academic institutions, they carry with them a wealth of practical knowledge and hands-on expertise, poised to make a meaningful contribution to the field of health sciences librarianship.

As the NML remains steadfast in its dedication to excellence and continuous learning, it looks forward to extending similar opportunities to aspiring library science students in the years to come. Together, let us strengthen the foundations of knowledge dissemination and propel the field of health science librarianship to greater heights.

NEW ASSISTANT LIBRARY & INFORMATION OFFICERS JOINED NML

The recruitment drive undertaken by the National Medical Library (NML) for the position of Assistant Library & Information Officer (ALIO) has been a resounding success. This crucial initiative was launched approximately one and a half years ago, with the aim of bolstering the library's workforce with highly skilled and qualified professionals.

In two separate sessions, a total of six ALIO positions were advertised, four for deputation and two for deputation on an absorption basis. The response from library professionals currently serving in various central government and autonomous offices was indeed commendable. After a rigorous selection process, six outstanding individuals were identified and chosen to join the NML as Assistant Library & Information Officers. These esteemed individuals are: Mr. Syed Shuaib Ahmad, Dr. Sathi Kumari Amma V, Mr. Vineet Kumar Sheroen, Mr. Raj Kishore Tiwari, Mr. Lalit Kumar Agarwal and Mr. Sankalp Tiwari

Each appointee brings a unique set of skills, expertise, and dedication to the table, further enriching the library's talented team. These new members have seamlessly integrated into their roles and are actively contributing to the efficient functioning of the NML. As Assistant Library & Information Officers, they undertake diverse responsibilities, ensuring the smooth operation of library services and facilitating knowledge dissemination for the benefit of the medical fraternity. Their commitment to excellence and their dedication to promoting the library's mission align perfectly with the NML's vision of advancing medical education and research.

The NML congratulates and welcomes each of the newly appointed Assistant Library & Information Officers. Their presence adds tremendous value to the institution, enhancing its capabilities in serving the medical community and promoting the dissemination of cutting-edge medical knowledge.

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PROMOTIONS

☪ Congratulations and accolades are extended to Mr. Tejpal Saini and Ms. Kanika Saini, who have diligently served as Library Clerks at the esteemed National Medical Library since the year 2012. We take immense pride in acknowledging their steadfast commitment and exceptional contributions to the library's operations and services.

In a momentous turn of events on the auspicious date of 24th March 2023, both Mr. Tejpal Saini and Ms. Kanika Saini were meritoriously promoted to the prestigious position of Library & Information Assistant. This well-deserved promotion serves as a testament to their unwavering dedication to their roles and the invaluable expertise they have amassed over the years.

RETIREMENT

☪ It was a sombre day for the entire staff of the National Medical Library as Mr. K.C. Singh, the esteemed consultant of ERMED who served the NML for the longest time was relieved from his services on 15th July 2023.

Though officially superannuated on 31st July 2018 from the regular post of Assistant Library & Information Officer, Mr. Singh's exceptional contributions and expertise in managing the ERMED Consortium led to his re-engagement as a consultant for an additional five years. His immense dedication and knowledge proved to be invaluable assets to the NML. Before joining the National Medical Library, Mr. Singh served as Librarian Grade-II from 03-08-1988 to 28-11-1988 at the National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD), now known as the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC). His journey with the NML commenced on 29th November 1988 as Senior Documentation Assistant, and he subsequently earned promotion to the post of Assistant Library & Information Officer on 22nd January 1996.



As Mr. Singh embarks on a new chapter in his life, his departure leaves a significant void that may take time to fill. The Director and the entire staff of the NML extend their heartfelt wishes for his health, happiness, and prosperity in the days to come.



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