

# CIRAD support for scientific information

## A participatory process for tailored action training



**A**s part of its mandate to provide scientific information and to support agricultural research in developing countries, CIRAD designs training programmes in access to, and the production and dissemination of scientific information destined for information specialists and researchers in developing countries.

### *Favoured partnerships*

To adapt its actions to the wide range of means and ongoing changes in its partners' needs, CIRAD builds on its knowledge of partnership research systems and takes advantage of its customized relationships with information specialists in both southern and northern countries.

### *International projects*

CIRAD participates in scientific and technical information projects supported by international organizations (FAO, CTA, UNESCO) but also collaborates directly with research and academic institutions in southern countries.

### *Tailored training*

CIRAD designs training programmes for information specialists based on the specific needs of each southern institution. Each request for training is associated with fundraising. Each training programme is designed in close collaboration with the institution concerned based on the analysis of existing partnerships, institutional means, and external resources available at a national, regional or international level.

The training package includes skills transfer and knowledge dissemination from more global initiatives. Possible programme contents cover all information services: Question and Answer Service (QAS), Selective Dissemination of Information (SDI), Library management, Information management and digitalization, Mission statement for projects in the library environment, Open source and free software for information management

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# A SELECTION OF INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES



## Accessing scientific information

### SDI: Selective Dissemination of Information

(CTA - Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Co-operation)  
SDI delivers bibliographical references or web site addresses, and full text documents concerning agriculture and rural development. Annual subscription is free for researchers from African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries.

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Site: [www.cta.int/en/Departments/How-we-serve-you](http://www.cta.int/en/Departments/How-we-serve-you)  
Contact: [oguya@cta.nl](mailto:oguya@cta.nl)

### QAS: Question and answer service

(CTA)  
QAS provides specialized information on request concerning rural development and agriculture.  
Questions and answers are collected and made available online via a database.  
The service is free for public institutions and producers' organizations in ACP countries.

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### Research4life

Web portal that provides access to Internet platforms: HINARI, AGORA, OARE  
Access to online scientific journals  
Free or at low cost for public institutions in developing countries  
*HINARI, Health Access to Research Initiative (WHO – World Health Organization).*  
*AGORA, Online Access to Research in the Environment (FAO – Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations)*  
*OARE, Access to Global Online Research in Agriculture (UNEP – United Nations Environment Programme)*

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Site: [www.research4life.org](http://www.research4life.org)  
Contact: [info@research4life.org](mailto:info@research4life.org)

### TEEAL: The Essential Electronic Agricultural Library

(Cornell University)  
Database on CD-ROM that provides access to articles in 150 agricultural and scientific journals  
Free for students and researchers in developing countries

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Site: [www.teeal.org](http://www.teeal.org)  
Contact: [teeal@cornell.edu](mailto:teeal@cornell.edu)

### PDS: The Publications Distribution Service

(CTA)  
Subscription to Spore magazine and allotment of credit points to acquire books are available to organisations in ACP countries working in agricultural and rural development.

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Site: [www.cta.int/en/Departments/How-we-serve-you](http://www.cta.int/en/Departments/How-we-serve-you)  
Contact: [CTA@earthprint.co.uk](mailto:CTA@earthprint.co.uk)

### JOLs: Journals OnLine

(INASP – International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications)  
Web portal for free access to tables of contents and abstracts of scientific journals published in Africa (AJOL) and in Asia (Asian JOLs).  
Full text is delivered on request (under certain conditions).

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**AFRICAN JOURNALS ONLINE**  
Site: [www.ajol.info](http://www.ajol.info)  
Contact: [info@ajol.info](mailto:info@ajol.info)

**ASIA JOURNALS ONLINE**  
Site: [www.asiajol.info](http://www.asiajol.info)  
Contact: [asiajol@inasp.info](mailto:asiajol@inasp.info)

### SciELO: Scientific Electronic Library Online

(FAPESP - Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa do Estado de São Paulo)  
Web multilingual portal to more than 500 journals from Latin America and Caribbean countries

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Site: [www.scielo.org/php/index.php?lang=en](http://www.scielo.org/php/index.php?lang=en)  
Contact: [scielo@bireme.br](mailto:scielo@bireme.br)

## Publishing and disseminating scientific publications

### Scientific edition

CTA support for writing, publishing and translating books, CD-ROMs, databases, movies and videos.  
Authors can submit manuscripts concerning agricultural and rural development in ACP countries, or on information management and communication.

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Contact: [cta@cta.int](mailto:cta@cta.int)

### Photo Libraries

Several photos databases concerning agricultural and rural development are available on the web:  
*FAO Photo Library: photo galleries on selected topics*  
*CTA Photo Gallery: images in the field of agricultural and rural development*

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**FAO PHOTO LIBRARY**  
Site: [www.fao.org/about/photography/en](http://www.fao.org/about/photography/en)  
Contact: [photo-library@fao.org](mailto:photo-library@fao.org)

**CTA PHOTO GALLERY**  
Site: <http://photo.cta.int>  
Contact: [photo@cta.int](mailto:photo@cta.int)

### HAL: Hyper Articles online

(CCSD - Centre pour la communication scientifique directe)  
A multidisciplinary repository or open archive which enables researchers to deposit their published or unpublished scientific papers: journal articles (in English and other languages), scientific reports, conference papers, PhD dissertations  
HAL allows the deposit of iconographic documents on this platform MediHal.

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**HAL**  
Site: <http://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr>  
Contact: [hal.support@ccsd.cnrs.fr](mailto:hal.support@ccsd.cnrs.fr)  
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# A SELECTION OF INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES

## Using open source and free technologies

### **SIST : Système d'information scientifique et technique**

(MAEE - Ministère français des Affaires étrangères et européennes)

Internet platform with different tools to access national and international information resources thanks to a search engine; communicate and copublish via forums and wikis; subscribe online to a service of selective dissemination of information; manage web sites with the content management system software

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Site: [www.sist-sciencesdev.net](http://www.sist-sciencesdev.net)

Contact: [sist-cirad@cirad.fr](mailto:sist-cirad@cirad.fr)

### **Zotero**

(University George Mason)

Free tool for managing bibliographic references

Helps researchers and students to collect, manage, cite, and share their research sources

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Site: [www.zotero.org](http://www.zotero.org)

### **PMB**

An integrated library system (ILS)

Composed of all features needed to manage a library: acquisition and cataloguing of documents, browsing of collections, loan of documents

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Site: [www.sigb.net](http://www.sigb.net)

### **CDS/ISIS**

(UNESCO - United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)

Multilingual software for information management dedicated to libraries in developing countries

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Site: [www.portal.unesco.org/ci](http://www.portal.unesco.org/ci)

### **Greenstone**

(UNESCO)

Software for building and distributing digital library collections on the Internet or on CD-ROM

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Site: [www.greenstone.org](http://www.greenstone.org)

## Self-access training

### **IMARK, Information Management Resource Kit**

(FAO)

Series of training modules about information management

Module contents are available online free of charge and on CD-ROM

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Site: [www.imarkgroup.org](http://www.imarkgroup.org)

Contact: [IMARKenquiries@fao.org](mailto:IMARKenquiries@fao.org)

### **PERii, Programme for the Enhancement of Research Information**

(INASP – International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications)

Training in information and communication technologies

Support for library management

Help with publishing

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Site: [www.inasp.info](http://www.inasp.info)

Contact: [inasp@inasp.info](mailto:inasp@inasp.info)

## Find European subsidies for your project

### **WelcomEurope**

Search engine on the Internet

Access to the database of all European subsidies, calls for proposals,

European news, and European funded projects

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Site: [www.welcomeurope.com/les-subventions-europeennes.html](http://www.welcomeurope.com/les-subventions-europeennes.html)

Contact: [premium@welcomeurope.com](mailto:premium@welcomeurope.com)

### **CORDIS, Community Research and Development Information Service**

Internet portal to access calls for proposals for projects in the Seventh

Framework Programme (FP7)

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Site: [http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/home\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/home_en.html)

Contact: [cordis-helpdesk@publications.europa.eu](mailto:cordis-helpdesk@publications.europa.eu)

### **EuropeAid**

Portal of the external cooperation programmes of the European Commission

Grants to implement projects or activities that relate to the European Union's external aid programmes

Contracting opportunities for organizations who wish to work on development aid projects

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Site: <http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work>

Contact: [EUROPEAID-info@ec.europa.eu](mailto:EUROPEAID-info@ec.europa.eu)



# CIRAD support for scientific information

## CIRAD resources



### Agritrop

Agritrop is the CIRAD publications database specialised in tropical agronomy. Agritrop provides access to references and full texts that are available, and to all other documents that are accessible in CIRAD libraries. Agritrop contains publications written in English, Spanish and other languages published jointly by CIRAD and its research partners. Agritrop's search forms are in French.

Site: <http://agritrop.cirad.fr>

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### Photo service: agronomy for development

The CIRAD photo library contains more than 14 000 photos concerning agronomy, agricultural development and rural societies, forestry, and animal sciences in tropical and Mediterranean areas. Photos produced by CIRAD's staff can be delivered by post or by Email on request (under certain conditions).

Site: <http://www.cirad.fr/publications-ressources/ressources-documentaires/phototheque>

Contact: [polimage@cirad.fr](mailto:polimage@cirad.fr)

**QUAE** is an online bookshop shared and managed by four French research institutions including CIRAD. The QUAE catalogue is composed of books in paperback, e-books, CD-ROMs and DVDs about science and technology and social science. Authors can submit their book project to QUAE for publishing. Currently all publications are in French.

Site: [www.quae.com](http://www.quae.com)

Contact: [serviceclients@quae.fr](mailto:serviceclients@quae.fr)

**SympoScience** is a QUAE online database which aims at making available proceedings of seminars, conferences, congresses and symposiums related to agriculture and environment. Submitting conference proceedings to the SympoScience database is managed by QUAE.

Site: [www.symposcience.org](http://www.symposcience.org)



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