

TRAINING WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

AGORA, HINARI and OARE Training of Trainer Workshop

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THE PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Breakthroughs in Information Delivery: AGORA, HINARI and OARE

AGORA, HINARI and OARE are three major Internet-based portals that provide low-income countries throughout the world, though primarily Africa, free or low cost access to the world's journal literature in agriculture, health and the environment. This means for the first time in history researchers in eligible countries can have access to the same kind of information as their peers in more economically-developed countries and participate in the global research agenda. AGORA, HINARI and OARE represent an important public-private partnership involving commercial and academic publishers, universities, and United Nations agencies. Though they operate independently, AGORA and HINARI were modeled on HINARI, and they have strong collaborative ties.

HINARI

www.who.int/hinari

HINARI (Health InterNetwork Access to Research Initiative), launched in 2002, and led by the World Health Organization, is an online library of the latest and best information in public health, biomedicine and related social sciences: over 3,500 scientific publications by 70+ publishers (including most of the major scientific presses) in one of the world's largest collections of biomedical literature. Almost 2554 institutions in 107 countries are registered, making it possible for thousands of physicians and researchers in universities, medical schools, research institutions, teaching hospitals, and government offices to have access to up-to-date biomedical and public health information. In the 42 African countries that are eligible, over 570 institutions have registered for HINARI. HINARI has been described by WHO Director-General Dr Gro Harlem Brundtland as "perhaps the biggest step ever taken towards reducing the health information gap between rich and poor countries."

AGORA

www.aginternetwork.org

Access to Global Online Research in Agriculture (AGORA) is an initiative led by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to provide free or low-cost access to major scientific journals in agriculture and related biological, environmental and social sciences to public and qualifying not-for-profit organizations in developing countries. Launched in October 2003, AGORA is a unique collaboration of public and private partners including the World Health Organization (WHO), major scientific

publishers, Cornell University's Mann Library, the Rockefeller Foundation, the UK's Department of International Development (DFID), CABI publishing and others. Through its Internet gateway www.aginternetwork.org, AGORA provides access to over 900 journals from the world's leading academic publishers.

AGORA's collection focuses on food, agriculture, environmental science and related social sciences. Since its launch, About 600 institutions in 60 countries have registered. Almost all national agricultural research organizations in Africa have registered. Of the 69 countries that are eligible for AGORA's free journal access, over half are in sub-Saharan Africa.

OARE

www.oaresciences.org

Online Access to Research in the Environment (OARE), an international public-private consortium coordinated by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Yale University, and leading science and technology publishers, enables developing countries to gain free access to one of the world's largest collections of environmental science literature. There are currently 1817 scientific journal titles in OARE owned and published by over 200 prestigious publishing houses, scholarly societies, and scientific associations are now available in 70 low income countries. Another 36 countries will be added by 2008. Research is provided in a wide range of disciplines, including biotechnology, botany, climate change, ecology, energy, environmental chemistry, environmental economics, environmental engineering and planning, environmental law and policy, environmental toxicology and pollution, geography, geology, hydrology, meteorology, oceanography, urban planning, zoology, and many others.

AGORA/HINARI/OARE TRAINING WORKSHOP

The HINARI/AGORA/OARE training workshop seeks to increase the quality and effectiveness of research and education in agriculture and related biological, environmental and social sciences, which would contribute toward improving food security in Nigeria and encourage cross disciplinary collaboration between agriculture, health and the environment. The expected outcome of the workshop is to enable researchers, policy-makers, educators, librarians and extension specialists have access to high quality, relevant and timely information on agriculture, health and the environment via the Internet, CD-ROM and external hard disk.

WORKSHOP VENUE

The venue of the workshop is the University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Oyo State. Further information on this will be communicated to all confirmed participants at a later date

COURSE CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

The workshop will be conducted over four days (26 -29 June, 2007). The workshop course will comprise lectures delivered in a classroom setting, hands-on exercises and group work. Some of the exercises will involve accessing relevant live websites and portals on the Internet and others will be conducted offline. Each participant will have access to a computer during the practical exercises.

PARTICIPATION

The course is open to librarians, information managers, researchers, educators and medical doctors from selected institutions/organizations in Nigeria. The language of instruction is English. It is assumed that all participants have at least a basic appreciation of computers and have used the Internet.

FUNDING AND FINANCE

This course is co-sponsored by Librarians Without Borders (TM): A Global Initiative of the Medical Library Association (U.S.) and co-funded by the 2007 Elsevier E-Library Training grant, the Rockefeller Foundation in collaboration with the United Nations World Health Organization (WHO), Food Agricultural Organization (FAO), and TEEAL/Mann Library, Cornell University and run by ITOCA of South Africa.

The sponsorship covers the cost of registration, light refreshments and lunches for each participant.

Please, take note of the following:

1. Local and in-country transportation to and from the course venue will be borne by the participants/nominating institutions.
2. During the course, lunch will be served for all. No reimbursement will be paid for any meals that are not taken.
3. **There will be no honorarium or "sitting allowance" paid to any participant at the Workshop**

Only 30 participants will be allowed to attend the Workshop. An Application Form is included in this Announcement. Completed application forms with signed authorization should reach the Workshop Coordinator by **May 1, 2007**. Those who have previously participated in earlier Workshops need not apply

ORGANIZERS

The workshop is being organized by ITOCA in collaboration with the University of Ibadan, Ibadan. The Workshop Coordinator will be happy to answer any questions about the workshop or participant attendance.

WORKSHOP CURRICULUM

Introduction to the Internet

- *Overview of the World Wide Web*
- *Brief introduction to the Internet Explorer browser*
- *Connecting to the internet*
- *Surfing to required websites*
- *Using a search engine*

Managing Electronic Resources

- *Differences between electronic and physical resources*
- *Recommended procedures for effective management of electronic resources (especially CDs)*

AGORA features

- *Portal Overview*
- *Accessing CAB abstracts*
- *Searching for articles*

HINARI features

- *Portal Overview*
- *Accessing PubMed/Medline*
- *Searching for articles*

OARE features

- *Portal Overview*
- *Accessing journals*
- *Searching for articles*

Navigating HINARI Publishers sites

- *Retrieving & printing full articles*
- *Practical hands-on exercises*

Navigating AGORA Publishers sites

- *Practical hands-on exercises*
- *Retrieving & Printing articles*

Navigating HINARI Publishers sites

- *Retrieving & printing full articles*
- *Practical hands-on exercises*

Navigating OARE Publishers sites

- *Retrieving & printing full articles*
- *Practical hands-on exercises*

Registering for AGORA, HINARI and OARE

- *Accessing online registration form*
- *Completing and sending registration form*

TEEAL features and capabilities

- *Browsing and navigating the TEEAL database*
- *Accessing full text articles & Searching the database*

Copyright and Licensing e-resources

- *Terms of Agreement*
- *Fair use of materials*

Agricultural Information for Africa

- *Improving access to local publications*
- *FAO's IMARK and WebAGRIS*

Application Form

AGORA/HINARI/OARE WORKSHOP 2007- Nigeria

Participant's Personal Particulars

Family name: _____

First name _____ Gender: (Male or Female) _____

Title: (Prof/Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss): _____

Job Title: _____

Institution/Organization: _____

Postal address: _____

City / State: _____

Phone: _____ GSM No. _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

How long have you been working in this field? _____

ICT s skills: (Rate yourself excellent, good, fair or poor)

Area	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Basic computer operation				
Internet use				
CD-ROM database use				

Hotel accommodation

Please indicate if you would like hotel accommodation to be reserved for you. Also indicate your price option. Hotel Rates range from N2,500 to N10,000 per night depending on proximity to the University of Ibadan and rating of the hotel. Further information will be provided on request.

Date of Arrival: ----/----/2007 Date of Departure: ----/----/2007

Signature-----Date:-----

PARTICIPATING INSTITUTION AUTHORIZATION

(Must be attached to the Application Form)

Please sign below to confirm that your organization authorizes the named applicant to attend the AGORA/HINARI/OARE Nigeria Workshop-2007 and will fully fund the participant's travel expenses to and from the venue of the workshop.

Name of Institution: _____

Name of Authorizing Officer _____

Signature of Authorizing Officer _____

Designation of Authorizing Officer _____

Institution Stamp: _____

Date: _____

Please return the application to the address below by May 1, 2007

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