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## Director's Message

**The concept of a modern library is vastly different to what it was about two decades ago. This change has taken place in keeping with recent technological advances and fresh understanding of the whole learning experience. Modern libraries serve not only by collecting and housing educational material but by helping users to access a fund of information from a variety of other sources. The Libraries main role is to be a facilitator of education and continuing education.**

**It is our aim to develop the PGIM library and branch library to serve Medical personnel especially our trainees as a focus of information access. We have been hampered by budget cuts and a paucity of funds, but are forging ahead by optimal use of the small resources available. Also by adopting a policy of making the library pay its own way.**

**Under the circumstances, I congratulate our Librarian on his excellent idea of the monthly Cyber newsletter. We will be grateful for your feedback (see page 4) on how we can make the newsletter more useful to you.**

It is our endeavour to develop the PGIM Library into a dynamic information centre which provide up to date information services to its readers. By way of new technology we have already introduced facilities for MEDLINE search, INTERNET Browsing and e'mail services while action is being taken to compile several publications in digital form. It is our aim to expand these services by making information available only a mouseclick away from you.

While journals become more and more expensive every year libraries are handicapped by ever shrinking budgetary allocations. However, we have been able to overcome this handicap to a considerable level with the blessings of several websites which provide free online access to a number of specialised journals. We are planning to provide you opportunities to access these websites and obtain full text articles in either digital form or printed format as a part of our reader services.

Through this newsletter we hope to keep you informed of the new developments taking place in the PGIM library and to encourage and develop a constructive dialogue between the library and its users with a view to fulfil your information needs more efficiently.

# NEWS in brief

## CD Collection

CD collection now comprise 144 CDs which is becoming very popular among the users. The collection is steadily growing and the library is planning to introduce lending facilities for CDs in the near future. (List of CDs available on request from [pgimlib@slt.net.lk](mailto:pgimlib@slt.net.lk))

## Books

Library acquired 27 new publications including 11 MCQ books during the month of October. (Details available on request from [pgimlib@slt.net.lk](mailto:pgimlib@slt.net.lk))

## Reports Collection

The library has a collection of Reports covering medicine and related subjects. Readers are advised to ask for assistance from the library staff to locate the reports as these are arranged under numerical order. Please inquire at the library counter for further details.

## Donations

The library acknowledge receipt of the following book donations received during the month of September/October with thanks. (Details available on request from [pgimlib@slt.net.lk](mailto:pgimlib@slt.net.lk))

Epidimological Unit	5	Prof. D.N.Samarasekara	7
WHO	1	Dr. S.Anandarajan	1
Dr.Mrs. S.Ranasinghe	1	Dr. A. Warnakulasuriya	2
Dr. Mrs. H.L.R.N.Ranwala	1	Dr.Mrs. D.Attigalle	11

## Library Publications

The following publications are now available in digital format. (In Diskette)

1. Past Question Papers of PGIM Examinations.
2. Tutorial on how to search MEDLINE.
3. An introduction to the PGIM Library.
4. A Collection of MCQs for MRCP Part 1. (Downloaded from INTERNET)

## Forthcoming Publications

1. An annotated bibliography of dissertations and theses submitted to PGIM is under compilation and will be published soon in digital form.
2. The " Index to Ceylon Medical Journal " published last year is now being updated and will be published as soon as the job is completed.

# USEFUL WEBSITES

Explosive growth of the world wide web has made it practically impossible for anyone to identify all relevant information resources available on a specific subject. It has therefore become a major source of information which should be exploited in a collective and a cooperative basis. This is best achieved through sharing knowledge on the best websites between professionals. With a view to achieve this end we propose to develop a *directory of websites* that contain useful and relevant information both to academics and students.

We appeal to you to keep us informed of such websites for inclusion in this directory. All such contributions will be published in this newsletter.

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## Some Useful websites:

1. [www.bmjcareers.com](http://www.bmjcareers.com) - provides information about job placements and vacancies in medical profession.
  2. <http://www.auntminnie.com/index.asp?Sec=nws&Sub=def> - Job opportunities for Radiologists.
  3. <http://www.rcog.org.uk/guidelines.asp> - The web site of Royal College of Obs. and gyn.provides full texts of National Evidence Based Clinical Guidelines.
  - 4.<http://bj.a.oupjournals.org> - British Journal of Anaesthesia website offers full text articles of the journal
  - 5.<http://www.mycareer.com.au/> - Provides information on job opportunities and conditions etc in Australia.
  6. [http://www.lf2.cuni.cz/projekty/interna/heart\\_sounds/ekg6/index.html](http://www.lf2.cuni.cz/projekty/interna/heart_sounds/ekg6/index.html) - MRCP Part 1 M.C.Question Bank provides nearly 1000 model MCQs with answers.
  7. <http://www.fortunecity.co.uk/southbank/hornton/11/mrcgp/mcq.htm> - do -
  8. <http://homepages.enterprise.net/djenkins/mcqs/mcqs.shtml> - do -
  9. <http://www.surgical-tutor.org/mcqhome.htm> - site for MCQs in Surgery.
  10. <http://www.inasp.info/peri/> - provides details of free fulltext journal articles on a series of subjects.Please check at your library.
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## DONATIONS

Donation of books, journals and multimedia which may be useful to users will be very much welcome. Cash donations for library development could be made through a donation to PGIM Development Fund.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications

(INASP)

INASP has provided an invaluable opportunity for the libraries in Sri Lanka to access Full text articles on-line appearing in 8000 professional journals published abroad.

Four databases namely Synergy.com, Epubnet.com, The Cochrane Library and the Blackwells Database are available free of charge for browsing under this project.

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## British Library Document Delivery Centre(BLDSC)

INASP has facilitated free access to INSIDE service maintained by the British Library. This service provides facilities to search the largest database of the world and identify relevant information resources from within books, journal articles, reports, theses etc.

Copies of documents can be ordered from BLDSC through INASP which will bear the cost of the transaction.

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## Editor's Choice

"MD Consult Core Collection helps physicians answer clinical questions and stay abreast of recent developments by integrating: 40 respected medical reference books, Over 50 medical journals and clinics, MEDLINE Comprehensive drug information, More than 1000 clinical practice guidelines Over 3,500 customizable patient education handouts, Daily personalized clinical updates and online CME."

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

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## Your Comments

We welcome your comments, suggestions and constructive criticism to improve the quality and expand the content of this newsletter.

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