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Director's Message

I am very pleased to give a message to the PGIM LIBRARY NEWSLETTER which is being circulated on its first issue along with the PGIM NEWSLETTER. You will recall the great service the Main PGIM Library and its two branches in Peradeniya and Galle are doing for the trainees. We spend over 5 million rupees every year for purchases of books and journals and presently have a big problem as our space has been severely restricted due to delays in building hand over at the national hospital.

I congratulate Mr. Gunasekara and Mrs. Dilhani Munasinghe our new Asst Librarian for the good effort and I hope it will be a regular publication and will be useful to our users.

Prof. Rezvi Sheriff

PGIM LIBRARY

It is our endeavour to develop the PGIM Library into a dynamic information centre which provide up to date information service to its readers.

By way of new technology we have already introduced facilities for MEDLINE search, INTERNET browsing and email 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 mouse click 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 specialized 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 fulfill your information needs more efficiently.



NEWS in brief

LIBRARY COLLECTION

BOOKS

Library purchased 31 volumes and further 234 volumes were received as donations from various Donors.

Out of 31 books purchased 09 books were sent to Karapitiya Branch Library for the use of it's users. List of new accessions are available on request



PERIODICALS

Library subscribed to 61 titles of periodicals for 2007 and further 06 titles were received as donations. The number of titles had to be drastically reduced because of financial constraints.



SPECIAL COLLECTION OF THE LIBRARY



Library has developed several special collections for the use of readers. Our members are invited to make use of this collection and provide us with suggestions for improvement.

- * WHO Collection
- * Report Collection
- * Theses Collection
- * Sri Lanka Collection is been now developed.

REPORTS COLLECTION

The reports collection of the library now has a strength of 1220 titles. This is a very useful collection patterned by using regularly. 108 new titles were added to this collection during January – June 2007.

CD COLLECTION

25 CD's were added to the CD collection of the Library from January – June, 2007.



Altogether 260 CDs are now available, providing users with many Periodicals, Textbooks, Coloured atlases, and MCQ papers through this medium.

RESEARCH REPORTS, DISSERTATIONS, THESES AND CASE REPORTS

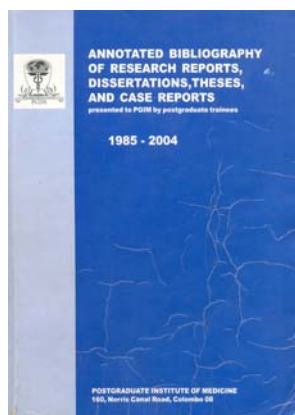
132 Theses, Dissertations and Case Reports submitted to PGIM by postgraduate trainees were added to the Theses collection of the library during January to June 2007. An annotated Bibliography of this collection is available in the library for reference.



LIBRARY PUBLICATIONS

An Annotated Bibliography of Research Reports, Dissertations, Theses, and Case Reports

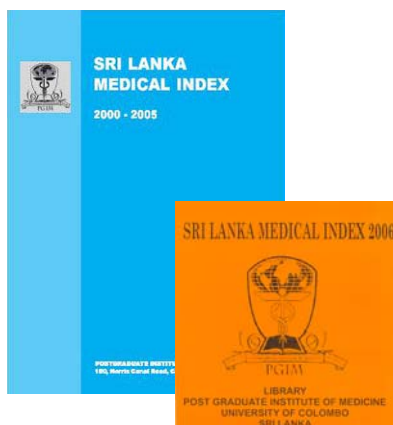
presented to PGIM by Postgraduate trainees. (1985-2004; 2005-2006)



“The Sri Lanka Medical Index” (2000-2005; 2006)

This Index is maintained at the library and is being updated on a regular basis.

A CD containing Sri Lanka Medical Index 2006 was distributed among the Boards of Study of the PGIM and among the HELLIS Network Libraries.



A collection of MCQs downloaded from Internet.

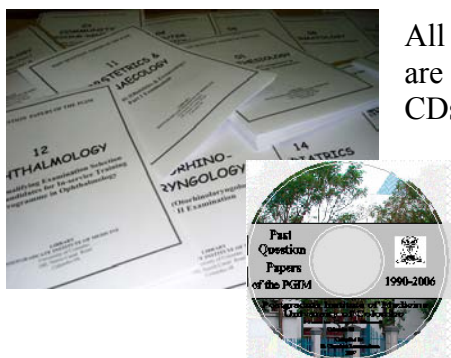
MCQs MRCP Part 1 Examinations.



Clinical and Basic Science MCQs Surgery.



Past Question Papers of PGIM Examinations (1990 – 2007)



All Examinations conducted by the 20 Boards of Studies of the PGIM are currently available to users, both in the printed format and also as CDs. Material in both formats could be obtained as personal copies (as photocopies and as CD copies) for leisurely perusal by users.

All Past Question Papers have been entered to our Website. This webpage is being constantly updated.

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

A Web Directory of useful websites for Medical Professionals.

USER EDUCATION PROGRAMME

PGIML Library conducted a user orientation Programme for Postgraduate trainees on 24th of August 2007. The programme included presentations on Information Resources available through Internet and on MEDLINE searching techniques

This workshop was sponsored HELLIS Network with WHO Assistance.



WHO PERIODICALS DATABASE

Library of the WHO office has a full text Periodical Database which is available for the use of health. For further information contact WHO Library. (Tel : 0112502319)

Library Opening Hours

Week Days 8.15 a.m. - 7.45 p.m.
Saturdays & Sundays 8.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Branch Library – Karapitiya

Galle Medical Association Postgraduate Library provides reference, lending services and Internet facility for more than 100 postgraduate trainees.

Branch Library – Peradeniya

Senior Assistant Librarian – Mrs. Daisy Seneviratne was on sabbatical leave for one year and reported back for duties on 1st Nov. 2007. Mr. Sunil Premaratne, Assistant Librarian attached to the University of Peradeniya kindly agreed to do the cover-up duties during her absence.

During the leave period she was involved in establishing a library for the newly commenced Faculty of Medical and Allied Sciences at Rajarata University of Sri Lanka.

She had a study tour to University of Murdoch Library and the Medical and Dental Library of University of Western Australia by invitation. This exposure to modern library systems was very educational for developing customer centered resources and services once competent staff is available. She is thankful to PGIM for bearing travel expense.

The library is run with the assistance of one labourer that is on her last extension of services and two daily paid assistants. It is an urgent need to get suitably qualified staff to run the library and improve the quality of services.

Future activities:

IELTS program is planned to start from 1st December 2007 at the Teaching Hospital auditorium with the patronage of the Alumni Association of the University of Peradeniya. The classes will be held on Saturdays 2.00pm to 5.00pm.

A user education seminar is to be organized in early 2008 with the collaboration of HELLIS network.

DONATIONS

Donation of Books, Journals and Multimedia which may be useful to users are very much welcome. Cash donations for library development could be made to PGIM Development Fund.