

To
The Principals of
All affiliated Colleges
Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot

Sub: Access to e-journals and resources to be subscribed under HSLIBNET Consortium.

Following are the options for accessing these subscribed resources.

Option 1	IP Authenticated Access	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The colleges who have already furnished their Static IP address, they have been activated to trail access the e-journals and e-resources from the respective publishers through http://www.bfuhs.ac.in/ulid/hslibnet/hslibnet.html2. Those who have not sent their Static IP address are hereby informed to send the details of Static IP immediately to hslibnet.bfuhs@gmail.com and copy it to manhas_rajeev@rediffmail.com for enabling the IP authenticated access.
Option 2	Institutional User ID and Password	The colleges who do not have the Static IP address, they may send the request for Institutional user ID and password to hslibnet.bfuhs@gmail.com and copy it to manhas_rajeev@rediffmail.com which will be sent soon after the request for accessing the HSLIBNET resources.

Instructions for Access

User ID and password given is confidential to your College / Institute and should not be misused other than any of your bonafide students/teachers. The principal and librarian of the colleges have the responsibility to ensure the fair use of the subscribed resources under the copyright act. **To overcome this misuse, it is advised to go for IP based Authentication in your College/Institute.**

It is advised to have minimum 512 kbps Internet bandwidth & other infrastructure facilities for effective use of e-resources under HSLIBNET consortium

Further, additional links to useful free online resources such as Medline/PubMed, NLM Resources, Popline, IndMed, Directory of Databases, WHO Library databases, Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, interactive health tutorial etc., will also be provided under HSLIBNET consortium homepage for wider access of various public domain websites for the benefits of academic community of our affiliated colleges.

For any assistance/clarification/feedback on HSLIBNET Consortium you may contact HSLIBNET-HelpLine:

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ICT Requirement for Accessing Electronic Resources

A minimum level of hardware and software infrastructure is a pre-requisite for a user or subscribing institution desirous of subscribing e-resources so as to achieve efficient and effective interaction with subscribed resources. Basic hardware and software requirement for most electronic resources are as follows:

Minimum Hardware Requirement

Since most e-resources subscribed by the HSLIBNET Consortium are web based, subscribing institutions should have a full-featured and configured system with high speed Internet connectivity to get better access to e-resources.

Most publishers prefer to make their e-resources accessible on campus network of subscribing institutions on dedicated IP addresses / range of IP addresses. Subscribing institutions should have campus network (preferably fibre optics back bone) spread over their entire campus including residences and hostels so as to maximize the usage of e-resources. Moreover, institutions subscribing to e-resources should have adequate number of PCs on the campus LAN available to faculty, researchers and students to maximize the usage. In addition, Institutions should also have a number of PCs in their library dedicated for this purpose. The minimum configuration of PCs available on the campus network should be as follows:

- Windows PC with P-4 CPU @3.0 GHz (HT) or above
- 512 MB DDR 400 MHz RAM
- HDD: 40 GB
- CDROM Drive (optional)
- Monitor: 15" /17"
- Windows OS

Any UNIX workstation capable of running a graphical Web browser with Internet connection can also be used.

Laser Printer: For greyscale printing for most of the articles. Colour printer may be required to print coloured figures.

Internet Connectivity

Subscribing institutions should have 512 kbps (preferably 2 mbps or more) connectivity to Internet for improved access depending upon the total population of users. Moreover, most publishers prefer providing access to their e-resources on IP addresses assigned to institutions by Internet Service Provider. Several publishers do not even offer password-based access to their resources. As such, institutions desirous of subscribing to e-resources should have static IP address / range of IP addresses with leased line, VSAT or other available options through a standard ISP.

Minimum Software Requirement

Web Browser

Most e-resources offered through the HSLIBNET Consortium require an Internet-enabled multimedia PC equipped with an Internet Browser like Internet Explorer or Netscape Navigator as their clients. Most digital collections are accessible without any problem with the web browsers mentioned below:

- IE: 5.x or later
- Google Chrome
- Firefox Mozilla 1.0 or later
- Netscape: 4.79 or later (no lower)
- Opera (Java version required): 6.0 or later

Browser Configuration

The web browser being used to access e-resources should be enabled for:

- JavaScript/Java
- Acceptance of cookies
- Cascading Style Sheets
- Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) Security (128-bit encryption minimum)

Most browsers are already configured for the above.

Viewing and Printing Documents

E- resources are offered in different file formats. The client-side PCs may, therefore, require the following software packages to download format-specific deliverables from a digital collection:

PDF Documents: Adobe' s Acrobat Reader (.x or later): for viewing and printing pdf documents.

PostScript Documents: AFPL Ghostscript Package 8.00 or GNU Ghostscript Package 7.05 or later

TIFF Documents: TIFF Viewer to view and print TIFF Images
