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**NKI**

The Netherlands Cancer Institute encourages scientists and clinicians to work together, forming integrated teams that can rapidly translate new knowledge into prototype therapies and trial them in the clinic. This close collaboration, coupled with world-class scientists and clinicians, highly motivated students and outstanding facilities has made the NKI an internationally recognized center of excellence in cancer research. NKI and Springer have signed an agreement to provide Springer eBook Collections in Biomedical & Life Sciences, Clinical Medicine 2008 & 2009 and the Springer Protocols Collection. Suzanne Bakker, Librarian Central Cancer Library and President & Supervisor EAHIL Secretariat: “In the past the NKI library purchased separate Springer journals, however with the e-journal subject collections Springer is offering we can offer our end-users very interesting packages with a lot more eJournals than before. The same goes for Springer’s eBook subject collections, everything is now online available to our end-users. Springer eBooks are indexed in several online databases, such as Google & PubMed, one of our most used online interfaces, therefore the eBooks are easy to be found for our end-users. Also very interesting for us is the ownership model Springer is offering for their eBooks. We were positively surprised by Springer Protocols. The usage during the trial period was really high, the integrated access on SpringerLink and the availability on PubMed, next to the quality of the product is also what is needed and appreciated for our daily research on cancer.”

**Assistance Publique – Hôpitaux de Paris**

Assistance Publique – Hôpitaux de Paris is a public health institution of the city of Paris. AP-HP provides medical care for 52 medical and biological areas, both from a diagnostic and therapeutic point of view. AP-HP also includes a pharmaceutical research centre (Ageps). AP-HP is also connected to 7 faculties of medicine, 2 of odontology and 2 of pharmacy. AP-HP is composed of 37 hospitals. Armelle Martin, in charge of Medical documentation at AP-HP and also president of Réseau National des Documentalistes Hospitaliers (the National Network of Hospital Librarians) worked closely with Springer at a project leading to a migration to electronic of all the AP-HP holdings. Doctors and researchers at AP-HP were also provided with a broader list of journals tailor-made for the needs of the Parisian and French workforce within AP-HP, within a three year contract framework.

**Asklepios Clinics**

Asklepios is one of the leading international clinic chains. The group is responsible for about 100 facilities, 40 day hospitals, 22,000 beds and 36,000 employees in Germany, Europe, and the US. Every year about one million patients entrust their health to Asklepios. Every 40th baby in Germany is born in an Asklepios clinic. With these characteristic numbers and a turnover of about 2.3 billion euros of the overall group, Asklepios is the biggest private clinic chain in the Federal Republic of Germany and in Europe. In Hamburg, the most important clinic city in Germany, the Asklepios Clinics are the biggest private employers with about 11,000 employees. The Asklepios online Library contains the complete clinical medical Springer content. This enables every physician and every nurse to have the newest publications at hand as soon as they are published. Springer e-journals are a vital part in Asklepios striving for continuously improving healthcare quality for their patients. Recently the library received the award “Ausgewählter Ort 2009” from Germanys Bundespräsident Horst Köhler.
Sistema Bibliotecario Biomedico Lombardo

SBBL, established in 1994 by the Regione Lombardia (Local Government Authority of the Milan area), is a structured organisation with over 50 hospitals and highly specialized medical research institutions. SBBL and Springer have signed an agreement to provide Springer’s Medicine eBooks and journal archives to all hospitals and biomedical research centers in the Milan region. Idalia Gualdana coordinator of the SBBL consortium since the beginning, is actively involved in negotiating with all the main scientific and biomedical publishers. “Initially I wasn’t persuaded about the interest of eBooks for our sites. The Milan hospitals already access thousands of journals and controlling costs and is one of our targets. However, the usage of Springer eBooks was extremely high, not only only newly available texts, but also on past copyright years dating back to 2005. At some stage eBook usage will overcome ejournal usage if download patterns continue like this!”

Fédération Nationale des Centres de Lutte Contre le Cancer

Fédération Nationale des Centres de Lutte Contre le Cancer is a national federation including not for profit specialized research centers in Oncology. 13 sites finalized licenses with Springer, ranging from an access to small, tailor made Cancerology collections to all Springer’s top clinical medicine titles indexed in Pubmed. “The Federation might be moving to a central consortium structure going forward” commented Nadine Jaulin, based in Bordeaux and Clarlys Lheureux (Toulouse) co ordinators of the consortium.

Osakidetza

Osakidetza is the Public Health System of the Bask Country in Northern Spain (Euskadi). It includes 29 service organizations, subdivided in to three districts Araba, Bizkaia and Gipuzkoa. Ricardo Arostegui, in charge of documentation and electronic information at Osakidetza, worked with Springer in providing new eBook content to all the hospitals and research centers in the Bask Country. Osakidetza acquired thousands of Springer Medicine and Biomedical Life Sciences within a three year license, together with a collection of key clinical medicine journals. The eBooks, with archives going back to 2005, will remain property of the Spanish Health institution with perpetual ownership. Osakidetza is the first Health Service in Spain to provide Springer eBooks to their hospitals.

Hamad Medical Corporation

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