AGORA: Workshop Exercises and Activities

Exercise 4: How to Use AGORA: Effective Strategies and Techniques

Participant's Worksheet: Hands-on exercises and Group discussion

In this session we will work as individuals or in pairs (depending on the number of participants and terminals available) and use the computers to practise using AGORA.

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Summary

On completion of this session the learner will have:

1. Successfully logged into AGORA
2. Practised accessing journals by browsing and searching AGORA by title, publisher and by subject
3. Practised retrieving full-text articles from the publishers' websites using known citations

Step 1

1.1. Exercise explained

Individuals or pairs of workshop participants will undertake hands-on work using the computer lab to practice logging into, navigating, and retrieving articles from AGORA. Users should record the answers to the search questions in the spaces provided in this handout. A short report back and discussion of using AGORA will be conducted at the end of this session.

Hands-on duration: 60 minutes,
Report back and discussion: 20 minutes.

1.2. Objective

To practice logging on, navigating, and retrieving articles from AGORA using the browse by title, subject, and publisher options and the quick search function. To understand the uses and limitations of the resource.

1.3. Task

Use AGORA to perform the tasks and answer the questions below. This will involve using the various methods of access to full-text websites available through AGORA. Once you have explored these you will be given some citations for which you will need to find the full-text if

possible.

Step 2

2.1 Log In

Try to access the following citation without logging into AGORA.

Anthas. J. **(2006) Responses to tuberculin among Zebu cattle in the transhumance regions of Karamoja and Nakasangola district of Uganda.** *Tropical Animal Health and Production. 38 (4): 275-283*

Are you able to access the full-text? If not, what message does the resource give you? What URL do you see in the Address box at the top of your browser?

Go back to AGORA and log in using your user name and password. Note the URL in the address box at the top of your browser. Try to access the full-text of the citation again. What happens?

2.2 Navigating AGORA

1. Is the *Journal of Molluscan Studies* available in full-text via AGORA?

2. Find all the Nature Publishing Group journals. How many are there? Do they all have Nature in the title?

3. Who publishes *Landscape and Urban Planning*?

4. Under what subject heading would you find journals on limnology (limnology is the scientific study of the life and phenomena of fresh water)?

5. What journals does AGORA cover in forestry

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2.3 See if the following citations are available in full text via AGORA. If so retrieve them.

Sauerborn. J. et.al (2007) The role of Biological Control in Managing Parasitic Weeds. *Crop Protection. 26 (3): 246-254*

Marzia A. *eta*l (2007) Effects of ventilation rate and of dietary protein level in an intensive dairy sheep system on the features of Canestrato Pugliese cheese. *Journal of Dairy Science* 74 (1): 26-33

Alene. A.D. *etal* (2006) The efficiency of traditional and hybrid maize production in Eastern Ethiopia: an extended efficiency decomposition approach. *Journal of African Economies.* 15 (1); 91-116

Li. S. Q. *etal* (2005) Textural modification of Soya Bean/Corn extrudes as affected by moisture content, screw speed and Soya Bean concentration. *International Journal of Food Science and Technology*. 40 (7): 731-741

Roldan. A. *etal* (2007) Soil Sustainability indicators following conservation tillage practices under subtropical maize and bean crops. *Soil Tillage Research* 93 (2): 273-282

Uwen. E. (2007) Changing times and Strategies: Shell's contribution to Sustainable Community development in the Niger Delta, Nigeria. *Sustainable Development* 15 (1): 1-14

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