

“Scientific findings do not belong to a country but to the whole world, and Bioline is contributing to disseminate research results, connecting researchers from developing nations with their colleagues from developed countries.”

*Hernán Riquelme, Editor Chilean Journal of Agricultural Research
ex - Agricultura Técnica Chile*

“Too often we think of scientific knowledge and the developing countries in terms of what “we” can do for “them”. We need to nurture the organizations and initiatives that challenge this limiting point of view, enriching the international scholarly community with important research and neglected perspectives from the developing world.”

Lynn Copeland, Dean of Library Services and University Librarian, Simon Fraser University Library, Canada

“In my personal opinion, and as a citizen of Africa, I can only humbly thank all those who have continued to support the Open Knowledge Access services and reassure them that it is a worthwhile investment. By supporting those services your organizations are contributing to bridging the knowledge inequities between economically developing countries and between economically developing and developed countries.”

Josés M Kirigia, World Health Organization Regional Office for Africa (Brazzaville, Congo), Manager of the Programme on Health Financing and Social Protection.

“No other service has giving so much visibility to local content from Nigeria as Bioline International has done. I do hope that more journals published in Nigeria will be added to the existing list in the future.”

Grace A. Ajuwon, E. Latunde Odeku Medical Library, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

“Our journal is now indexed in Web of Science. We partly owe such promotion to the very generous offer from Bioline that could provide ample ground for our journal to reach international bodies. I believe Bioline has helped us in many ways to achieve promotion and dignity for International Journal of Environmental Research.”

Dr. Karbassi, Executive Manager, International Journal of Environmental Research, Iran

Subject Areas and Sample Titles

Agriculture & Crop Sciences

African Crop Science Journal (Uganda)
Chilean Journal of Agricultural Research (Chile)

Biotechnology

African Journal of Biotechnology (Kenya)
Electronic Journal of Biotechnology (Chile)

Environmental Sciences

International Journal of Environment Science and Technology (Iran)
Journal of Applied Sciences and Environmental Management (Nigeria)

Fertility & Women's Health

African Journal of Reproductive Health (Nigeria)
Health Policy and Development (Uganda)
Middle East Fertility Society Journal (Egypt)

Food & Nutritional Sciences

African Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition and Development (Kenya)
The Journal of Health, Population and Nutrition (Bangladesh)

Medical Sciences

African Journal of Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicines (Nigeria)
Annals of African Medicine (Nigeria)
East and Central African Journal of Surgery (Uganda)
European Journal of General Medicine (Turkey)
Indian Journal of Cancer (India)
Indian Journal of Human Genetics (India)
Malaysian Journal of Medical Sciences (Malaysia)
Medical Journal of The Islamic Republic of Iran (Iran)
Memórias do Instituto Oswaldo Cruz (Brazil)
Revista Colombia Médica (Colombia)
Tanzania Journal of Health Research (Tanzania)

Pharmacology

Iranian Journal of Pharmacology and Therapeutics (Iran)
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What is Bioline International?

Bioline is a non-profit online publishing initiative dedicated to supporting the open dissemination of peer-review journals from developing countries. The goal is to facilitate a truly global exchange of ideas by improving the South to North and South to South flow of research knowledge. The platform now hosts over 70 journals from over 15 countries. Crop science, tropical medicine, biodiversity, public health and international development are examples of rarely covered subject areas that are found in Bioline journals.

What problem is Bioline addressing?

Due to financial and technical constraints, publications from less developed countries have limited local and international circulation and readership. As a result, a great deal of valuable research from other regions of the world remains “invisible” to mainstream science. Science is global and lack of access to regional findings severely limits our understanding of phenomena such as emerging diseases, global public health, climate change, food security and biodiversity.

What difference has Bioline made?

The use of journal articles from Bioline has been steadily increasing in the past few years, resulting in more than 3.5 million full text downloads in 2007. Users live and work in all parts of the world, North and South. Now many participating journals are being indexed by mainstream indexes, including Thompson’s ISI, PubMed, and Medline. Other regional indexes such as African Index Medicus and LATINDEX and web-based databases such as the Directory of Open Access Journals and OALster also actively include Bioline journals. Editors report improved quality of submissions and a larger number of submissions from international authors due to higher visibility of the journals outside of their home region.

Many journals have reported increased interest from funding agencies and supporting institutions.

How is Bioline International funded?

University of Toronto Scarborough, and the Centro de Referência em Informação Ambiental, CRIA (Reference Center on Environmental Information) in Brazil, have nurtured Bioline in its development stages, and Bioline is now ready to make the transition to a long-term sustainable model supported by the worldwide community.

Bioline’s new business model adds membership and sponsorship programs to our existing sources of support and revenue. Membership fees are only \$500 per institution per year on an ongoing basis. Bioline is also seeking the support and sponsorship of foundations and other organizations whose interests align with Bioline. Sponsorship levels and terms are negotiated with the interests of the individual sponsor in mind.

Organizations that have already committed to sponsor Bioline for 2009 include Simon Fraser University library, University of Guelph library, University of Utah library, Science Commons, and the Information Program of the Open Society Institute.

Why should your library support Bioline International?

Bioline International brings neglected knowledge to the international research and teaching community. Sponsors and members will be supporting continued access to valuable and unique content for their faculty and students and contributing to bridging the knowledge divide between western and developing countries.

Becoming a supporting member of Bioline is a strong statement of support for Open Access, and is an important step towards demonstrating that libraries have a key role to play in the future of scholarly communication and its long term health.

Bioline Facts

- Bioline International has been a pioneer in collaborative open access publishing since 1993.
- Journals on Bioline introduce alternative viewpoints, theories and research results into the mainstream knowledge commons, giving developed country researchers a more comprehensive and global view of their research topics.

What would your library support enable?

Bioline is a strictly not-for-profit organization. Membership contributions will be used to support directly all aspects of Bioline International operations, including: server support, journal conversion costs, development of value added services (metadata enhancement, database linking, usage tracking), and basic daily operating expenses. Stable and additional funding will enable Bioline to add some of the journals – currently over 70 – that have applied to join, expanding both content and coverage.

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