

Expectations from INIS

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The following points will be covered in my remarks:

1. Full text to the INIS articles should be available Online either accessible through INIS/its mirror server or publisher's website servers. A mechanism should be evolved to recover the cost payable to the publisher for such access or download, from the beneficiaries.
2. Availability of NCL is an unique aspect of INIS and is very important for INIS users. The process of conversion of NCL into electronic form should be accelerated.
3. The comprehensiveness of INIS should be ensured. At present about 4% records which fall within the scope of INIS are available in other S & T databases like INSPEC, Chemical Abstract (CA) etc. but not in INIS. A significant portion of this percentage is of NCLs. A systematic effort should be initiated to achieve close to 100% comprehensiveness.

This was particularly noted by my colleague Dr Vijai Kumar while conducting the study on R&D publications in PHWR using INIS & other databases.

4. A project for merging NSA (1948-76) with INIS may be planned with respect to NSA records falling in the scope of INIS.
5. Timeliness of inputting is very important. Much more efforts are needed to sensitise and encourage member states to make necessary provisions to secure adequate financial, human resources and infrastructure at the disposal of INIS Liaison Officer to achieve comprehensiveness of INIS database as well as its timeliness. Voluntary contribution of some members are appreciated but it is not a permanent solution to achieve comprehensiveness close to 100% and reasonable timeliness.
6. These aspects may be included in the mandate of INIS Advisory Committee for consideration and recommendations.