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MMDC



- Mekong Malaria Documentation Center
- Started by Dr. Carlo Urbani and established in Hanoi, Vietnam in 2001
- Revitalized and transferred to ACTMalaria custody in 2005 after the report of a needs assessment by David Curtis of Healthlink Worldwide last February 2004. Malaria Consortium commissioned the consultancy.

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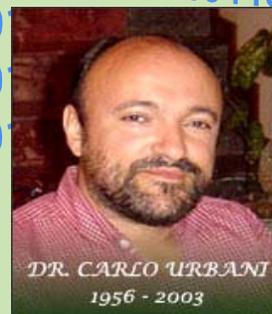
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DR. CARLO URBANI
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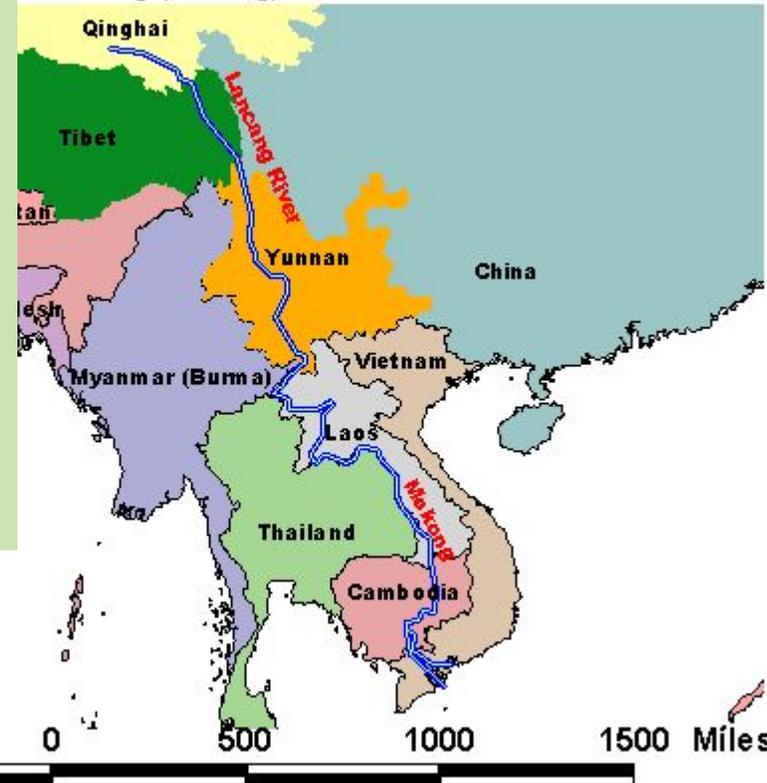
MMDC Role



MMDC was set-up to serve the information needs of malaria professionals in the 6 countries of the Mekong region: Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Laos, Myanmar and China.

An outcome of the EC RMCP and WHO partnership to provide an informal communication tool and openly exchange information among countries involved.

The Lancang (Mekong) River in China and Southeast Asia



AIRC



- ACTMalaria Information Resource Center
- “Your Online Malaria Channel in Asia”

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Vision / Mission



Our Vision

To be the one-stop source of online malaria information in Asia

Our Mission

To provide free malaria resources to member countries, partners and stakeholders of malaria in Asia, facilitating dissemination of knowledge and reliable information with focus on drug related studies and research



Aims / Objectives



(1) Facilitate a venue where countries affected by malaria and other mosquito-borne diseases can share information;

(2) Make information accessible to users;

(3) Pool resources from member countries to strengthen information exchange.

- To strengthen information sharing among ACTMalaria member countries and partners;
- To enhance the capabilities of the ACTMalaria Key Contacts for each country or region;
- Expand data gathering to other vector borne and parasitic diseases in addition to malaria and other mosquito borne diseases.

Collection



- Published full-text documents (in English and local language)
- Manuals/Guidelines
- Case studies/Research Proposals
- Unpublished/On-going research
- Photographs
- IEC Materials/ AV Materials

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Database Components

- FOSS
- Linux Cent OS – Platform
- Apache – Software program
- MySQL – Database
- PHP – Scripting language

Online Records



- Bibliographic Records - screenshots
- Contacts Records

Type of Record	2007	Sep 2008
Bibliographic	360	1,541
Organizations	13	24
Individuals	92	220
My Library	No data	193
Online Training Subscriptions	No data	6 - new
Uploaded	No data	917
Blogs	63	117
IP Stats	No data	15,142
Download Requests	No data	103

AIRC Databases



Types of Databases

- Bibliographic Database - screenshots
- Contacts Database

Main Parts of the Database

- About the Resource Center
- Sharing a Resource
- My Library

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Database Searching



- Go to the website:
<http://resource.actmalaria.net>
- Enter the term or phrase you intend to find;
- Click search;
- Searching can either be simple or advance;
- Results will be displayed alphabetically.

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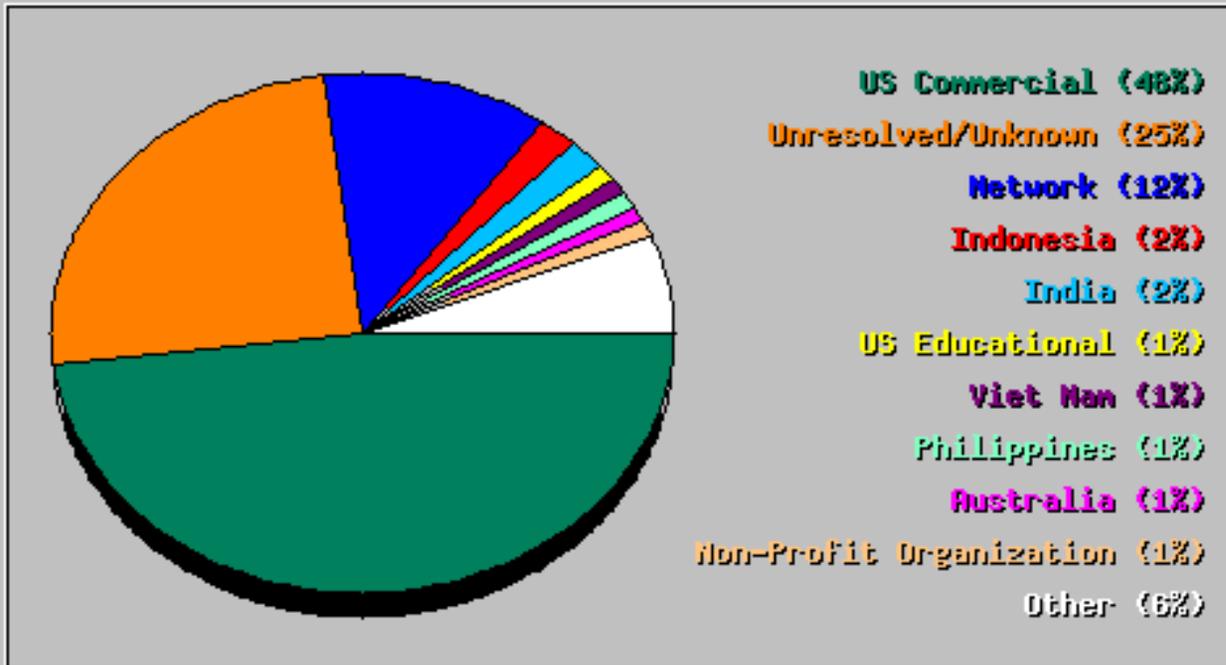
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Average Users



- We have an average of 85 online hits per hour and a maximum of 2,923 per day.

Usage by Country for September 2008



Resource Sharing: Downloading and Uploading



- Go to the website:

<http://resource.actmalaria.net>



- Download the AIRC manual for overview.
- Requests (downloads) and sharing (uploads) can only be provided once you became a member and should be logged-in.
- Blogs can be posted even if not a member.



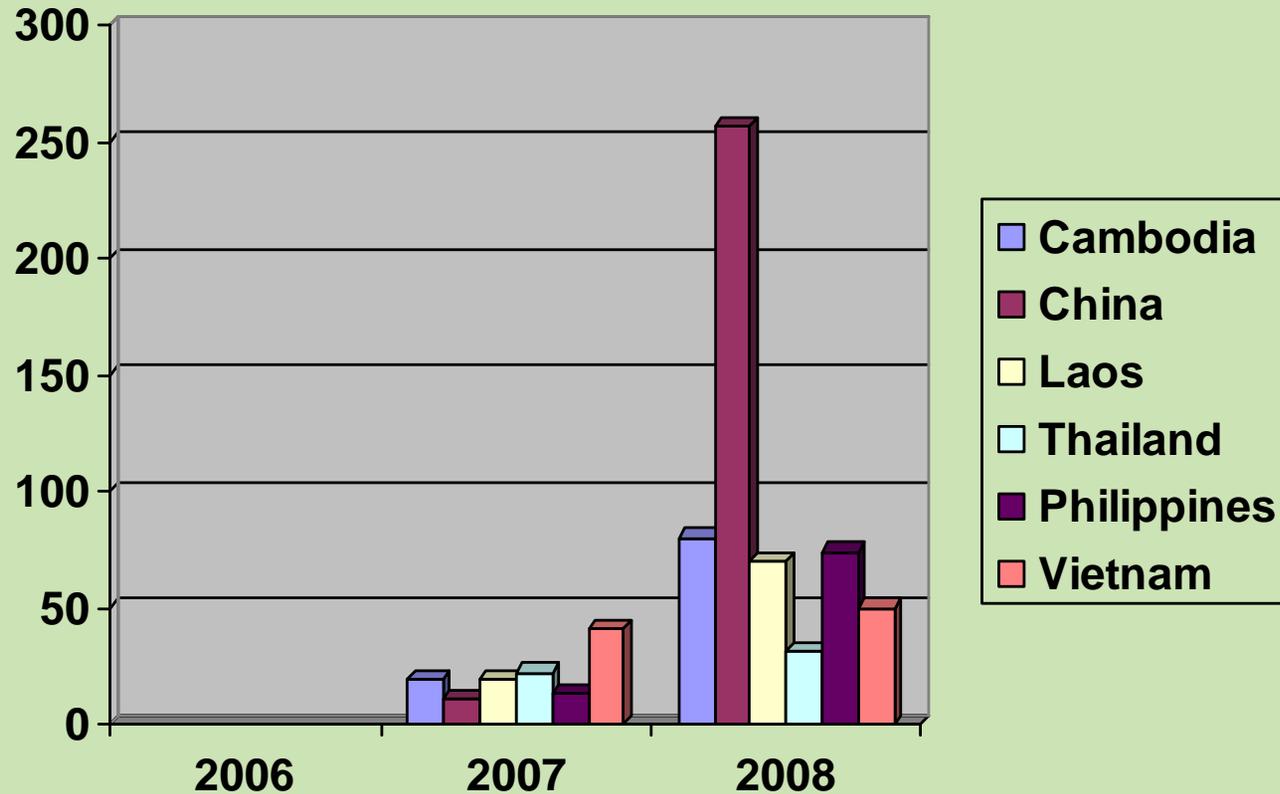
Collaborative Sharing: Partner Libraries



- Collaboration from Seven Libraries and Institutions



Contributions by Country



Roles of Librarians



- They classify and index malaria documents from their institution;
- They scan snippets of the material;
- They provide the metadata and abstract of the material;
- They upload and submit scanned materials using ACTMalaria OMS; and
- They attend to succeeding queries of AIRC.

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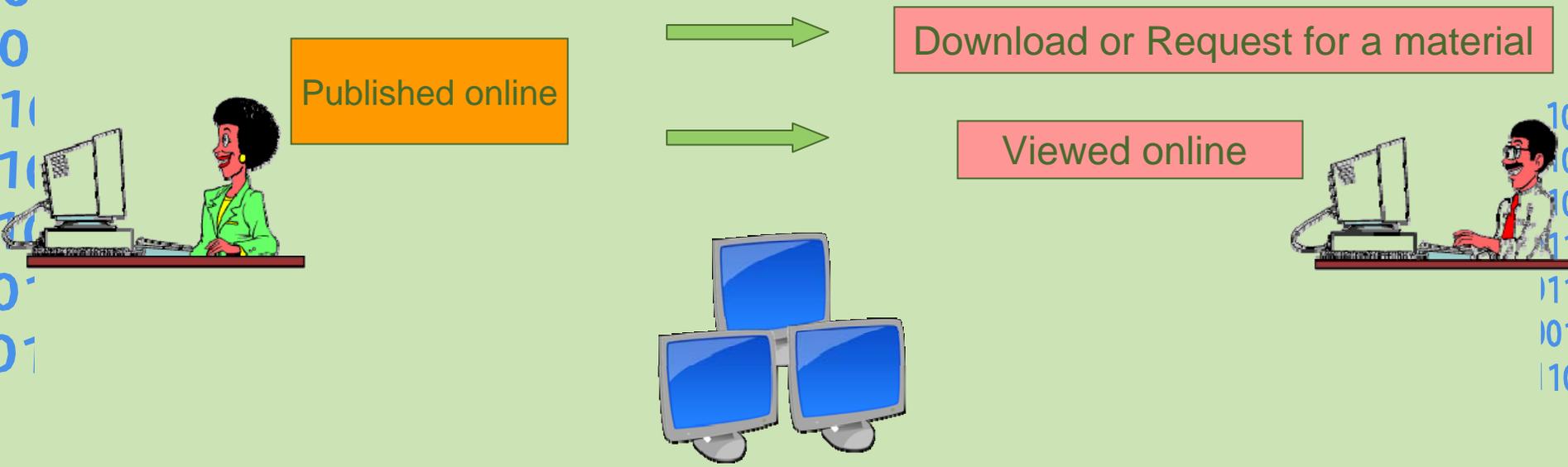
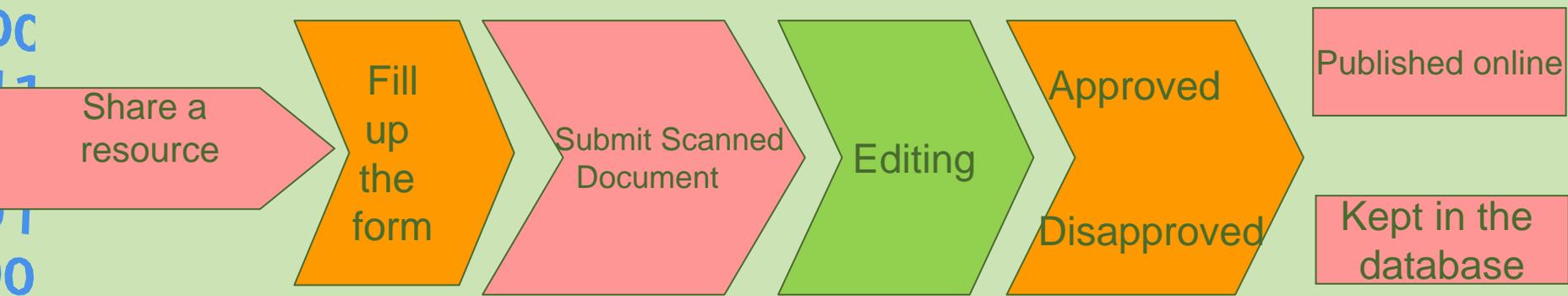
Roles of Editors



- They validate and check the accuracy of encoded metadata provided by the librarian;
- They check if the attached scanned document corresponds with the metadata;
- They input the necessary keywords based from the document; and
- They check the spelling and grammar of the abstract.



Flow of Transactions



Future



- Increased Partnership
- Adopt-a-library Program
- Donations/ Grants
- Database Management Development
- Database Trainings/ Advocacy
- Information Literacy Programs

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Conclusions



AIRC is indeed, still, in its infancy stage.

Continued database management including the evaluation of user interface, database architecture and infrastructure should be implemented.

Collection management should also be instigated.

Finally, sustainability from funding institutions is necessary to continue this superb project.

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Search Our Databases

Bibliographic Database
Search through our collection of information materials on

Welcome to ACTMalaria Information Resource Center

The ACTMalaria Information Resource Center aims to make information resources accessible to its users. Users need not search for information in multiple sources to find the best where countries affected by malaria and other mosquito-borne diseases can share information and best practices on how to address this global health problem. The database also provides a source for reliable and timely information.

The database is designed to compile a comprehensive list of information related to malaria and other mosquito-borne diseases. It is a free of charge resource that is available and how to access it. The primary purpose of the database is to provide a venue for the material. The database will list information on how to access the material. The database also provides a source for reliable and timely information.

If individuals or institutions wish to share their resources with the Resource Center, they do not have websites to do so then they may opt to submit their material to the Resource Center whether in soft or

Search for a keyword or phrase:

Bibliographic

The Life Cycle of the Malaria Parasite
Courtesy of Wellcome Trust




Thank you for your attention.

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