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AuthorAID: Helping Developing-Country Researchers to Write and Publish

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Background

- Originators of AuthorAID concept: Anthony Robbins and Phyllis Freeman
- Base: International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP)
- Funders: Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and UK Department for International Development (DFID)
- Pilot project (initially 2007–2009; now being extended); carefully evaluated
- Main partners: TDR (UNICEF–UNDP–World Bank–WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases), IFS (International Foundation for Science), and National University of Rwanda
- Main components: online mentoring, workshops, openly accessible content

Mentoring

- By volunteers (main backgrounds: research, editing)
- Structured, monitored mentoring arrangements for researchers at partner institutions
- More flexible mentoring arrangements through Web site
- Recruitment of editorial mentors through AMWA, WAME, CSE
- Our thanks to the volunteers!

Workshops on Research Writing

- Held thus far in Ethiopia, Kenya, Nicaragua, Rwanda, and Bangladesh
- Next workshop: Colombia
- Combine lecture and small-group work
- Generally serve researchers from varied disciplines
- Have local co-facilitators
- Encourage participants to share what is learned

Openly Accessible Content

- Weekly blog
- Resource library
 - includes set of 12 core presentations in English, Spanish, French, Chinese, and Arabic
 - also includes other presentations, articles, book chapters, Web links, etc
 - searchable by medium, by subject area, and by language
- Some statistics about the Web site (as of 21 October 2009)
 - in past year, 25,196 visits from 173 countries/territories
 - 1047 registrants (up from 587 on 3 May 2009)

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