International Network INASP
for the Availability of Scientific Publications

Strengthening the Global Research Cycle

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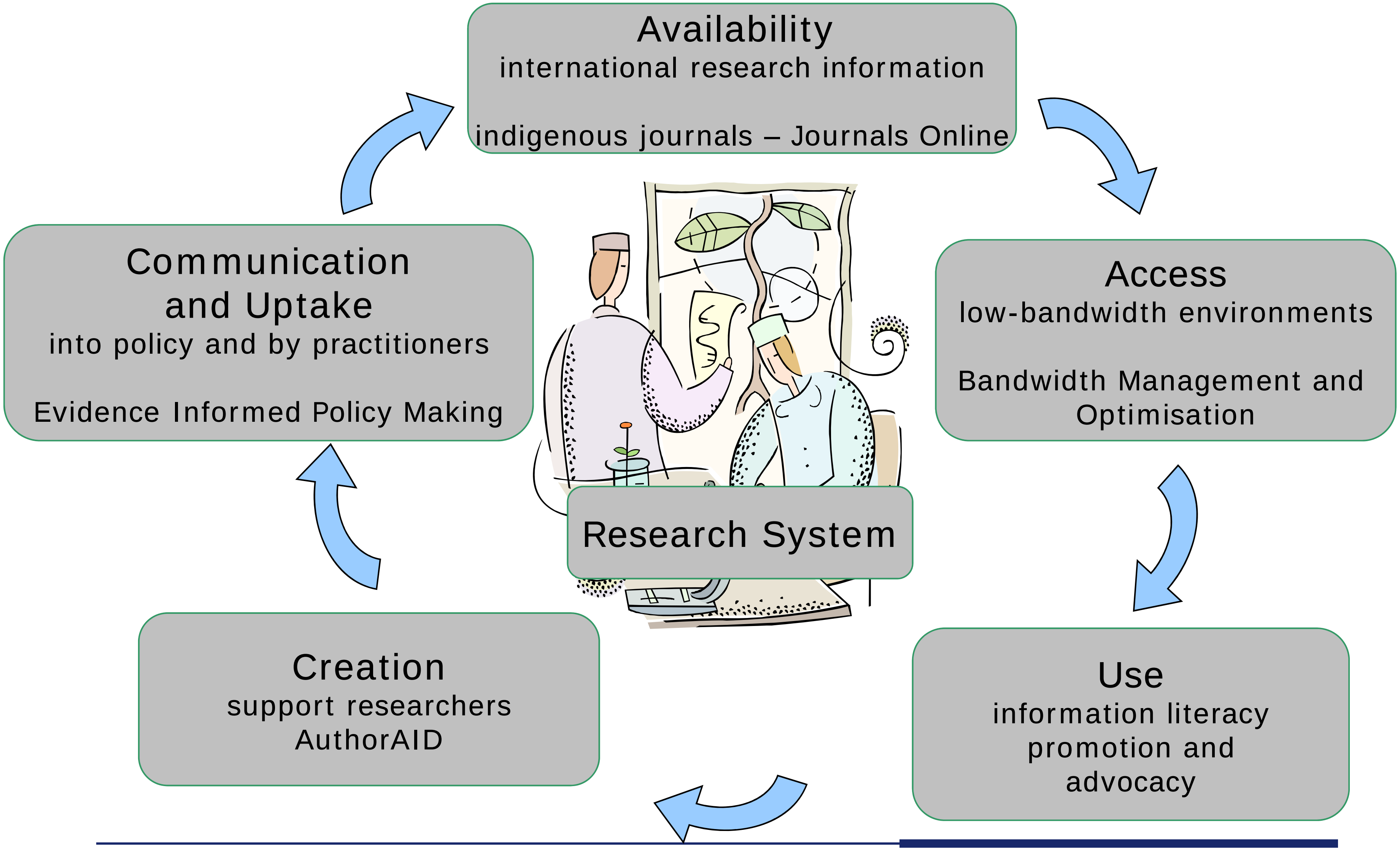
INASP facts and figures …

- Established in 1992
- Registered as a charity in 2004
- 19 permanent staff
- International Board of Trustees
- Works in Africa, Asia and Latin America
  - 22 partner countries, over 100 eligible countries

- Funded mainly by partner countries and European governments



Availability
international research information

indigenous journals – Journals Online

Access
low-bandwidth environments

Bandwidth Management and Optimisation

Use
information literacy
promotion and
advocacy

Creation
support researchers
AuthorAID

Communication and Uptake
into policy and by practitioners

Evidence Informed Policy Making

Research System

22 Partner countries

- *Africa:* Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe
- *Asia Pacific:* Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Vietnam
- *Latin America:* Bolivia, Cuba, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua

The INASP Steering Committee

INASP – Information Delivery

- Sustainable access to online research
- INASP negotiates free or proportionately priced access
- Countries select the resources they want
- Journals from 23 publishers available to **Pakistan**
- Contact country co-ordinator Hassan Zaidi
- www.inasp.info/Pakistan

Library Development

- Progressing from ‘availability’ to awareness, access and use
    - E-resource management
    - Information Literacy
    - Copyright for librarians
    - Licencing and negotiations for resources
- Using OS solutions for
    - Library automation
    - Digitisation and institutional repositories

Evidence-Informed Policy Making

- EIPM works to increase uptake of research in policy making
- Key training topics include:
  - Advanced internet research skills
  - Demystifying science
  - Recognising bias
  - Summarising skills
  - Communicating science to non-specialists

AuthorAID at INASP Leadership

Julie Walker, INASP

Sioux Cumming, INASP

AuthorAID at INASP Leadership

Barbara Gastel, Knowledge
Community Editor

Ravi Murugesan,
Training Coordinator

Main Components

- Mentoring (scientific and editorial) by volunteers
- Workshops on research writing
- Openly accessible content
- Grants
  - Travel – to present at a conference
  - Workshops – to hold an AuthorAID workshop
  - To attend Research Writing Course

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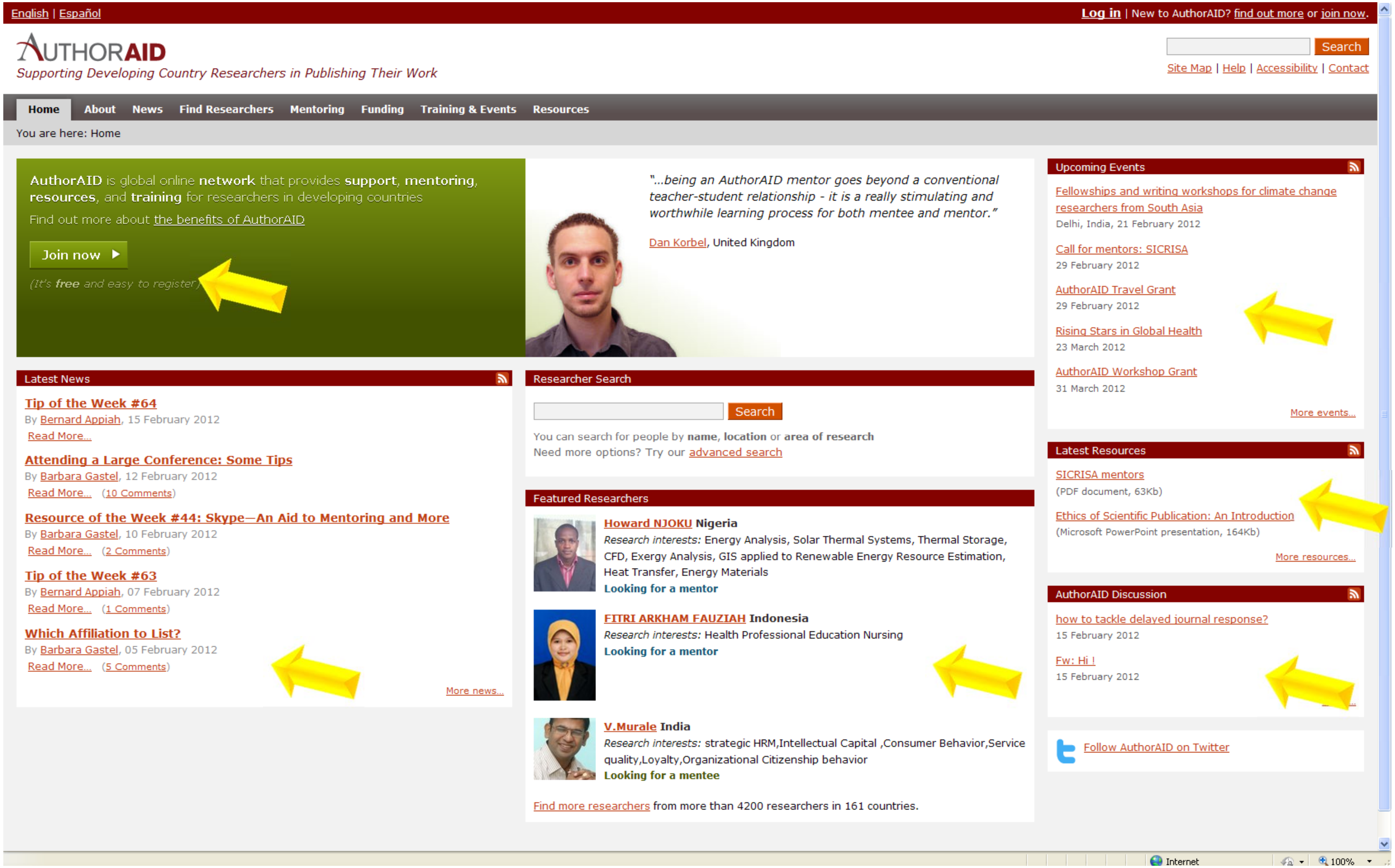

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Find out more about the benefits of AuthorAID

Join now

*(It's **free** and easy to register)*

"...being an AuthorAID mentor goes beyond a conventional teacher-student relationship - it is a really stimulating and worthwhile learning process for both mentee and mentor."

Dan Korbel, United Kingdom

Upcoming Events

Fellowships and writing workshops for climate change researchers from South Asia
Delhi, India, 21 February 2012

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29 February 2012

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FITRI ARKHAM FAUZIAH Indonesia
Research interests: Health Professional Education Nursing
Looking for a mentor

V.Murale India
Research interests: strategic HRM,Intellectual Capital ,Consumer Behavior,Service quality,Loyalty,Organizational Citizenship behavior
Looking for a mentee

Find more researchers from more than 4200 researchers in 161 countries.

Latest Resources

SICRISA mentors
(PDF document, 63Kb)

Ethics of Scientific Publication: An Introduction
(Microsoft PowerPoint presentation, 164Kb)

More resources...

AuthorAID Discussion

how to tackle delayed journal response?
15 February 2012

Fw: Hi !
15 February 2012

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How you can be involved!

Register to become a mentee (or a mentor)!

or

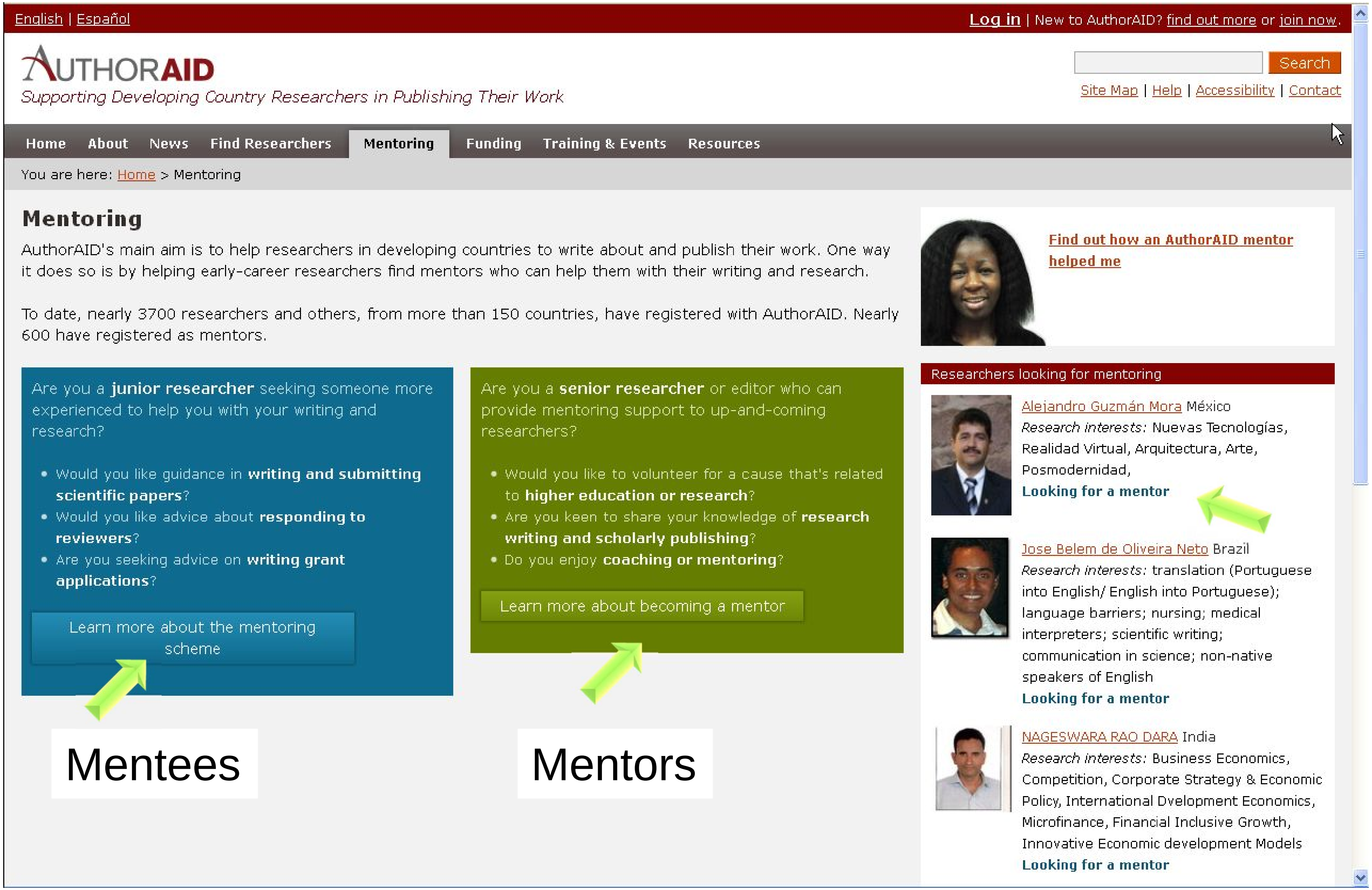
Access the extensive library of free resource materials

Mentoring Process - mentees

- Inexperienced authors can seek a mentor
- Very largely online
- Is arranged through the website
- AuthorAID team can help in matching
- Guidelines and learning agreement available

Mentors

- By volunteers
  - Main backgrounds: research, editing
  - At a variety of career stages
- High demand for more mentors



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AuthorAID's main aim is to help researchers in developing countries to write about and publish their work. One way it does so is by helping early-career researchers find mentors who can help them with their writing and research.

To date, nearly 3700 researchers and others, from more than 150 countries, have registered with AuthorAID. Nearly 600 have registered as mentors.

Are you a **junior researcher** seeking someone more experienced to help you with your writing and research?

- Would you like guidance in **writing and submitting scientific papers**?
- Would you like advice about **responding to reviewers**?
- Are you seeking advice on **writing grant applications**?

Are you a **senior researcher** or editor who can provide mentoring support to up-and-coming researchers?

- Would you like to volunteer for a cause that's related to **higher education or research**?
- Are you keen to share your knowledge of **research writing and scholarly publishing**?
- Do you enjoy **coaching or mentoring**?

Find out how an AuthorAID mentor helped me

Researchers looking for mentoring

Alejandro Guzmán Mora México
Research interests: Nuevas Tecnologías, Realidad Virtual, Arquitectura, Arte, Posmodernidad,
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Jose Belem de Oliveira Neto Brazil
Research interests: translation (Portuguese into English/ English into Portuguese); language barriers; nursing; medical interpreters; scientific writing; communication in science; non-native speakers of English
Looking for a mentor

NAGESWARA RAO DARA India
Research interests: Business Economics, Competition, Corporate Strategy & Economic Policy, International Dvelopment Economics, Microfinance, Financial Inclusive Growth, Innovative Economic development Models
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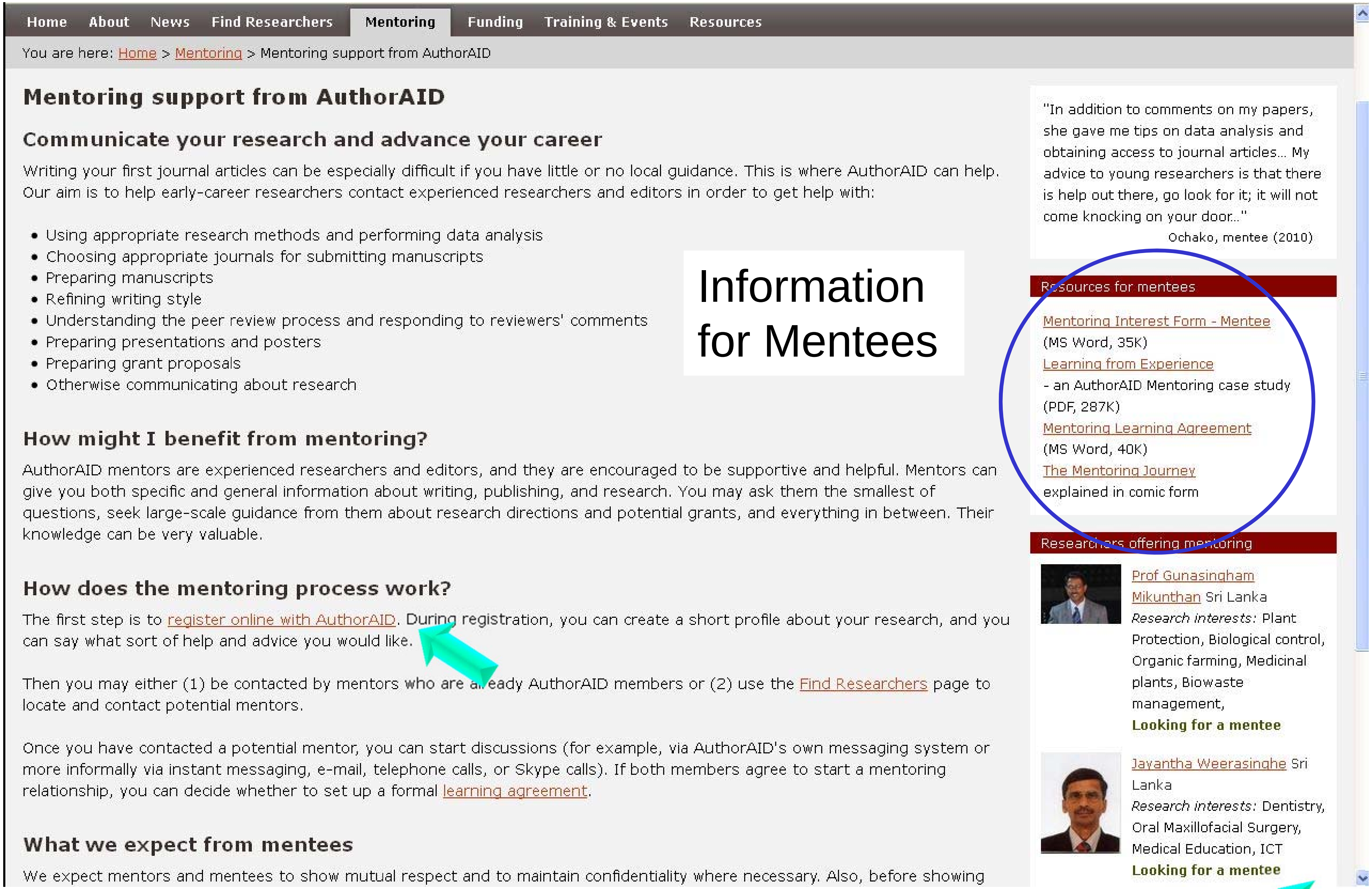

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Mentoring support from AuthorAID

Communicate your research and advance your career

Writing your first journal articles can be especially difficult if you have little or no local guidance. This is where AuthorAID can help. Our aim is to help early-career researchers contact experienced researchers and editors in order to get help with:

- Using appropriate research methods and performing data analysis
- Choosing appropriate journals for submitting manuscripts
- Preparing manuscripts
- Refining writing style
- Understanding the peer review process and responding to reviewers' comments
- Preparing presentations and posters
- Preparing grant proposals
- Otherwise communicating about research

Information for Mentees

How might I benefit from mentoring?

AuthorAID mentors are experienced researchers and editors, and they are encouraged to be supportive and helpful. Mentors can give you both specific and general information about writing, publishing, and research. You may ask them the smallest of questions, seek large-scale guidance from them about research directions and potential grants, and everything in between. Their knowledge can be very valuable.

How does the mentoring process work?

The first step is to register online with AuthorAID. During registration, you can create a short profile about your research, and you can say what sort of help and advice you would like.

Then you may either (1) be contacted by mentors who are already AuthorAID members or (2) use the Find Researchers page to locate and contact potential mentors.

Once you have contacted a potential mentor, you can start discussions (for example, via AuthorAID's own messaging system or more informally via instant messaging, e-mail, telephone calls, or Skype calls). If both members agree to start a mentoring relationship, you can decide whether to set up a formal learning agreement.

What we expect from mentees

We expect mentors and mentees to show mutual respect and to maintain confidentiality where necessary. Also, before showing

> "In addition to comments on my papers, she gave me tips on data analysis and obtaining access to journal articles... My advice to young researchers is that there is help out there, go look for it; it will not come knocking on your door..."
>
> Ochako, mentee (2010)

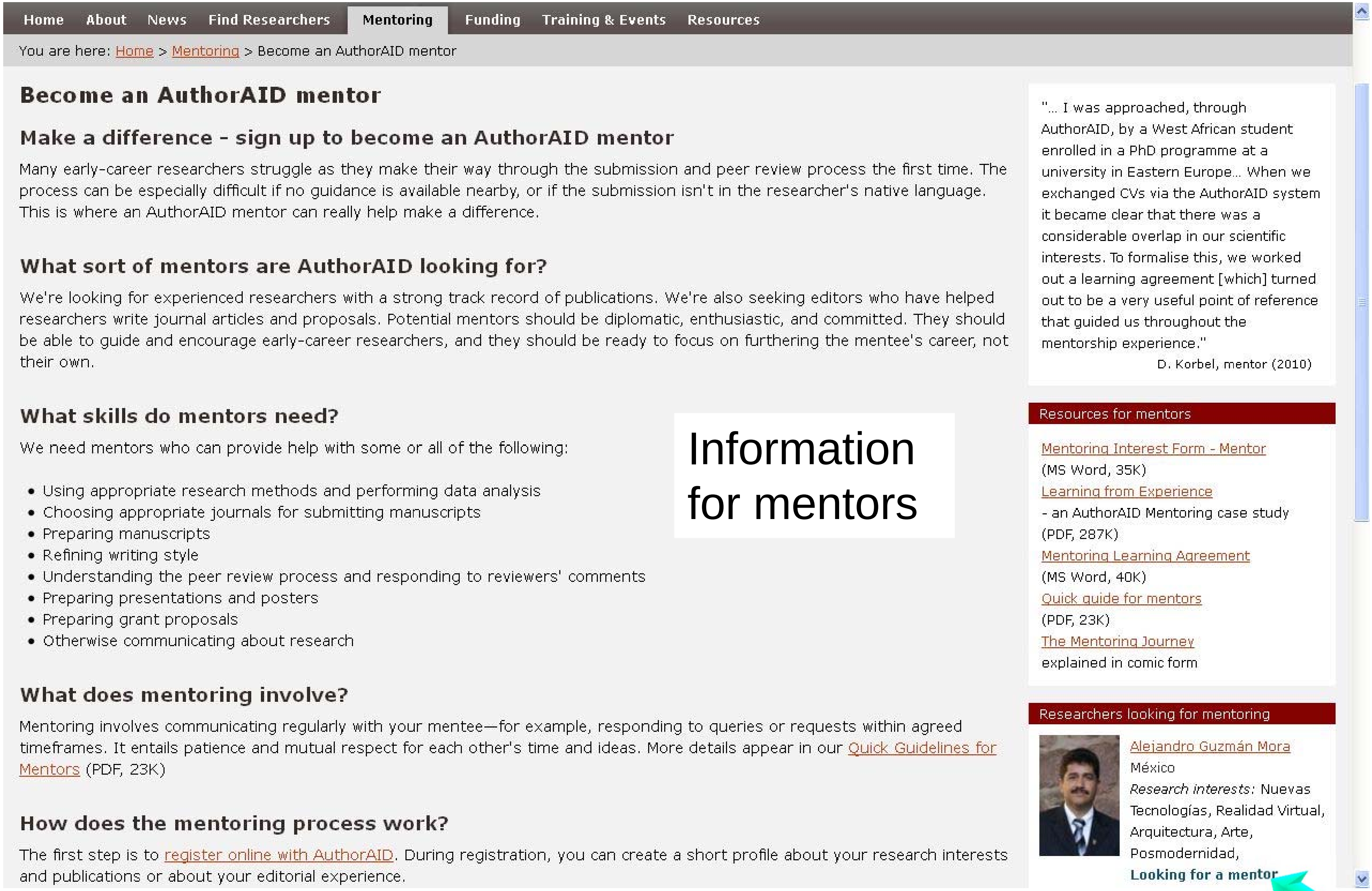
Resources for mentees

Mentoring Interest Form - Mentee
(MS Word, 35K)
Learning from Experience
- an AuthorAID Mentoring case study
(PDF, 287K)
Mentoring Learning Agreement
(MS Word, 40K)
The Mentoring Journey
explained in comic form

Researchers offering mentoring

Prof Gunasingham Mikunthan Sri Lanka
Research interests: Plant Protection, Biological control, Organic farming, Medicinal plants, Biowaste management,
Looking for a mentee

Jayantha Weerasinghe Sri Lanka
Research interests: Dentistry, Oral Maxillofacial Surgery, Medical Education, ICT
Looking for a mentee



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Become an AuthorAID mentor

Make a difference - sign up to become an AuthorAID mentor

Many early-career researchers struggle as they make their way through the submission and peer review process the first time. The process can be especially difficult if no guidance is available nearby, or if the submission isn't in the researcher's native language. This is where an AuthorAID mentor can really help make a difference.

What sort of mentors are AuthorAID looking for?

We're looking for experienced researchers with a strong track record of publications. We're also seeking editors who have helped researchers write journal articles and proposals. Potential mentors should be diplomatic, enthusiastic, and committed. They should be able to guide and encourage early-career researchers, and they should be ready to focus on furthering the mentee's career, not their own.

What skills do mentors need?

We need mentors who can provide help with some or all of the following:

- Using appropriate research methods and performing data analysis
- Choosing appropriate journals for submitting manuscripts
- Preparing manuscripts
- Refining writing style
- Understanding the peer review process and responding to reviewers' comments
- Preparing presentations and posters
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- Otherwise communicating about research

What does mentoring involve?

Mentoring involves communicating regularly with your mentee—for example, responding to queries or requests within agreed timeframes. It entails patience and mutual respect for each other's time and ideas. More details appear in our Quick Guidelines for Mentors (PDF, 23K)

How does the mentoring process work?

The first step is to register online with AuthorAID. During registration, you can create a short profile about your research interests and publications or about your editorial experience.

> "... I was approached, through AuthorAID, by a West African student enrolled in a PhD programme at a university in Eastern Europe... When we exchanged CVs via the AuthorAID system it became clear that there was a considerable overlap in our scientific interests. To formalise this, we worked out a learning agreement [which] turned out to be a very useful point of reference that guided us throughout the mentorship experience."
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Registering for AuthorAID

- Most online AuthorAID content openly accessible (without registration)
- By registering, you also have a chance to
  - Sign up for e-mail discussion list
  - Be notified when new blog posts appear
  - Seek a mentor or mentee or otherwise contact members of AuthorAID community

Some Statistics

- 4500 registrants, in 161 countries
  - Of these, 640 are **mentors**
  - 3126 are **mentees**
  - So there is help out there but we need more mentors
- From February 2011 to February 2012, a total of 77,140 visits from 35,542 visitors in 184 countries/territories

Workshops on Research Writing

The Workshops

- Several per year
- In developing countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America
- Focus largely on
  - Writing and publishing journal articles
  - Preparing poster presentations and oral presentations
  - Writing grant proposals

The Workshops (cont)

- Typically 2 to 5 days
- Sometimes held in conjunction with partners or conferences (e.g. IADSR!)
- Combine lectures and small-group work
- Serve researchers from varied disciplines
- Often have local co-facilitators
  - Help relate content to local context
  - Learn to give the workshops themselves

The Workshops (cont)

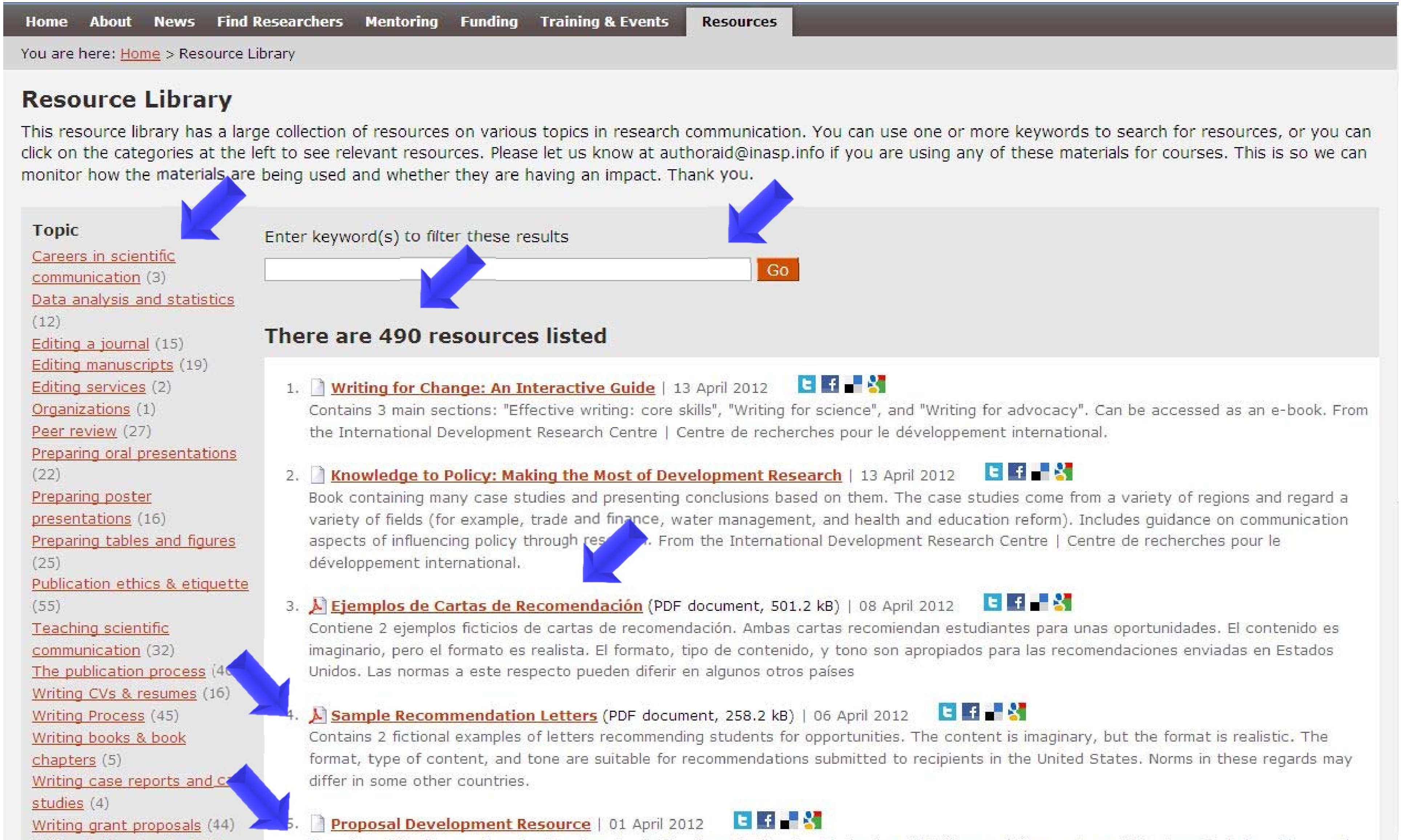
- Encourage attendees to share the learning
- Increasingly followed by train-the-trainer workshops
- Facilitators and trainees have gone on to give multiple workshops
- Also help in publicizing AuthorAID, assessing needs, and testing materials

Online Course in Research Writing

- Developed by Ravi Murugesan, AuthorAID training coordinator
- Based on the AuthorAID workshops
- Pilot-tested at the National University of Rwanda in autumn 2011
- Expected to become openly available soon

Resource Library

- Contains presentations (e.g. from AuthorAID workshops), articles, book chapters, Web links, etc.—thus far, nearly 500 items in all
- Searchable by subject area, language, and medium
- Includes translations of some materials into Arabic, Chinese, French, Portuguese, Spanish, or Vietnamese; more languages sought



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Resource Library

This resource library has a large collection of resources on various topics in research communication. You can use one or more keywords to search for resources, or you can click on the categories at the left to see relevant resources. Please let us know at authoraid@inasp.info if you are using any of these materials for courses. This is so we can monitor how the materials are being used and whether they are having an impact. Thank you.

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- Writing grant proposals (44)
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There are 490 resources listed

1. **Writing for Change: An Interactive Guide** | 13 April 2012
Contains 3 main sections: "Effective writing: core skills", "Writing for science", and "Writing for advocacy". Can be accessed as an e-book. From the International Development Research Centre | Centre de recherches pour le développement international.

2. **Knowledge to Policy: Making the Most of Development Research** | 13 April 2012
Book containing many case studies and presenting conclusions based on them. The case studies come from a variety of regions and regard a variety of fields (for example, trade and finance, water management, and health and education reform). Includes guidance on communication aspects of influencing policy through res. From the International Development Research Centre | Centre de recherches pour le développement international.

3. **Ejemplos de Cartas de Recomendación** (PDF document, 501.2 kB) | 08 April 2012
Contiene 2 ejemplos ficticios de cartas de recomendación. Ambas cartas recomiendan estudiantes para unas oportunidades. El contenido es imaginario, pero el formato es realista. El formato, tipo de contenido, y tono son apropiados para las recomendaciones enviadas en Estados Unidos. Las normas a este respecto pueden diferir en algunos otros países

4. **Sample Recommendation Letters** (PDF document, 258.2 kB) | 06 April 2012
Contains 2 fictional examples of letters recommending students for opportunities. The content is imaginary, but the format is realistic. The format, type of content, and tone are suitable for recommendations submitted to recipients in the United States. Norms in these regards may differ in some other countries.

5. **Proposal Development Resource** | 01 April 2012
From Grand Challenges Canada. Has 3 parts: Advice from Applicants, Mechanics of Writing, and Perspectives of Mentors. Includes videos and

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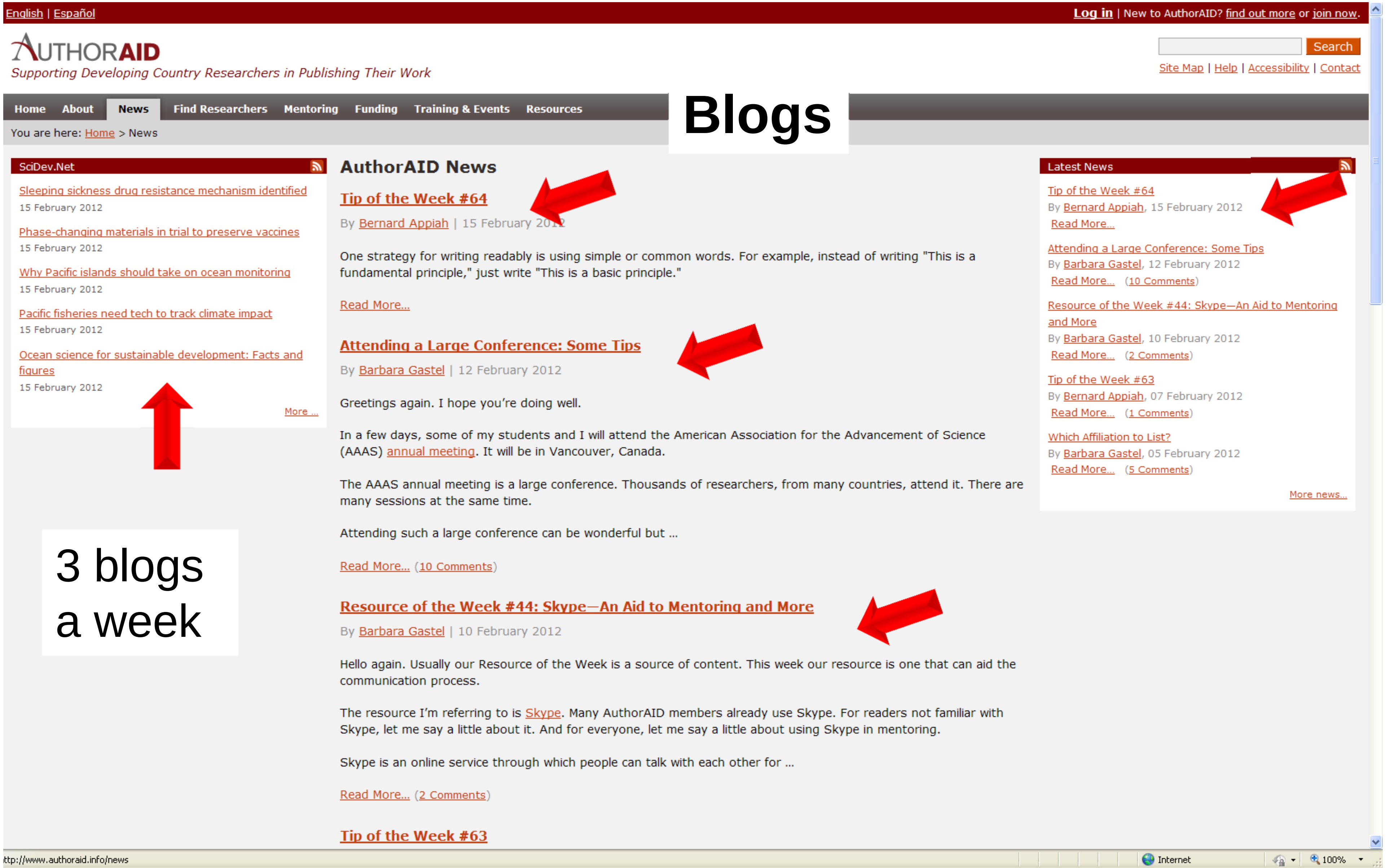
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By Bernard Appiah | 15 February 2012

One strategy for writing readably is using simple or common words. For example, instead of writing "This is a fundamental principle," just write "This is a basic principle."

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By Barbara Gastel | 12 February 2012

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By Barbara Gastel | 10 February 2012

Hello again. Usually our Resource of the Week is a source of content. This week our resource is one that can aid the communication process.

The resource I'm referring to is Skype. Many AuthorAID members already use Skype. For readers not familiar with Skype, let me say a little about it. And for everyone, let me say a little about using Skype in mentoring.

Skype is an online service through which people can talk with each other for ...

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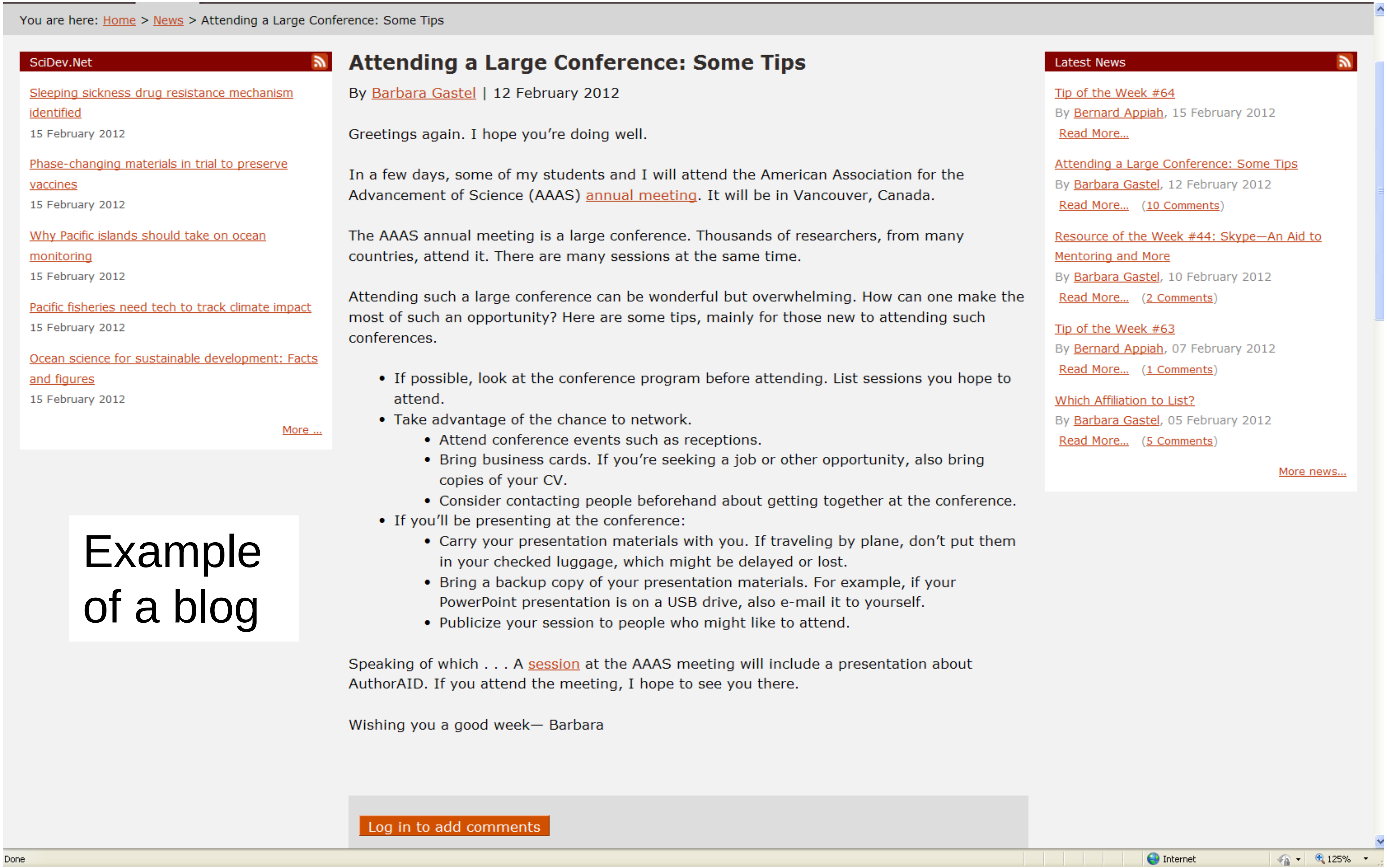

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- If possible, look at the conference program before attending. List sessions you hope to attend.
- Take advantage of the chance to network.
  - Attend conference events such as receptions.
  - Bring business cards. If you're seeking a job or other opportunity, also bring copies of your CV.
  - Consider contacting people beforehand about getting together at the conference.
- If you'll be presenting at the conference:
  - Carry your presentation materials with you. If traveling by plane, don't put them in your checked luggage, which might be delayed or lost.
  - Bring a backup copy of your presentation materials. For example, if your PowerPoint presentation is on a USB drive, also e-mail it to yourself.
  - Publicize your session to people who might like to attend.

Speaking of which . . . A session at the AAAS meeting will include a presentation about AuthorAID. If you attend the meeting, I hope to see you there.

Wishing you a good week— Barbara

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journalsonline

- Websites for local journals to:
  - Increase global visibility
  - Increase capacity to improve the quality of their journals and manage their journals online
  - Enable southern researchers to participate in and contribute to the global research community
- Started with African Journals Online
- Now growth areas are Asia JOLs

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	OJS used	www.ajol.info	2005
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Bangladesh Journals ONLINE	BanglaJOL	www.banglajol.info	May 2007
Philippine Journals ONLINE	PhilJOL	www.philjol.info	Apr 2008
Sri Lanka Journals ONLINE	SLJOL	www.sljol.info	Aug 2008
	LAMJOL	www.lamjol.info	Aug 2010
	MongoliaJOL	www.mongolia.info	Jan 2011

JOLs

Country	No of Journals	OA Full Text
Bangladesh	80	88%
Nepal	69	85%
Sri Lanka	43	95%
Nicaragua/Honduras	13	100%
Mongolia	2	100%
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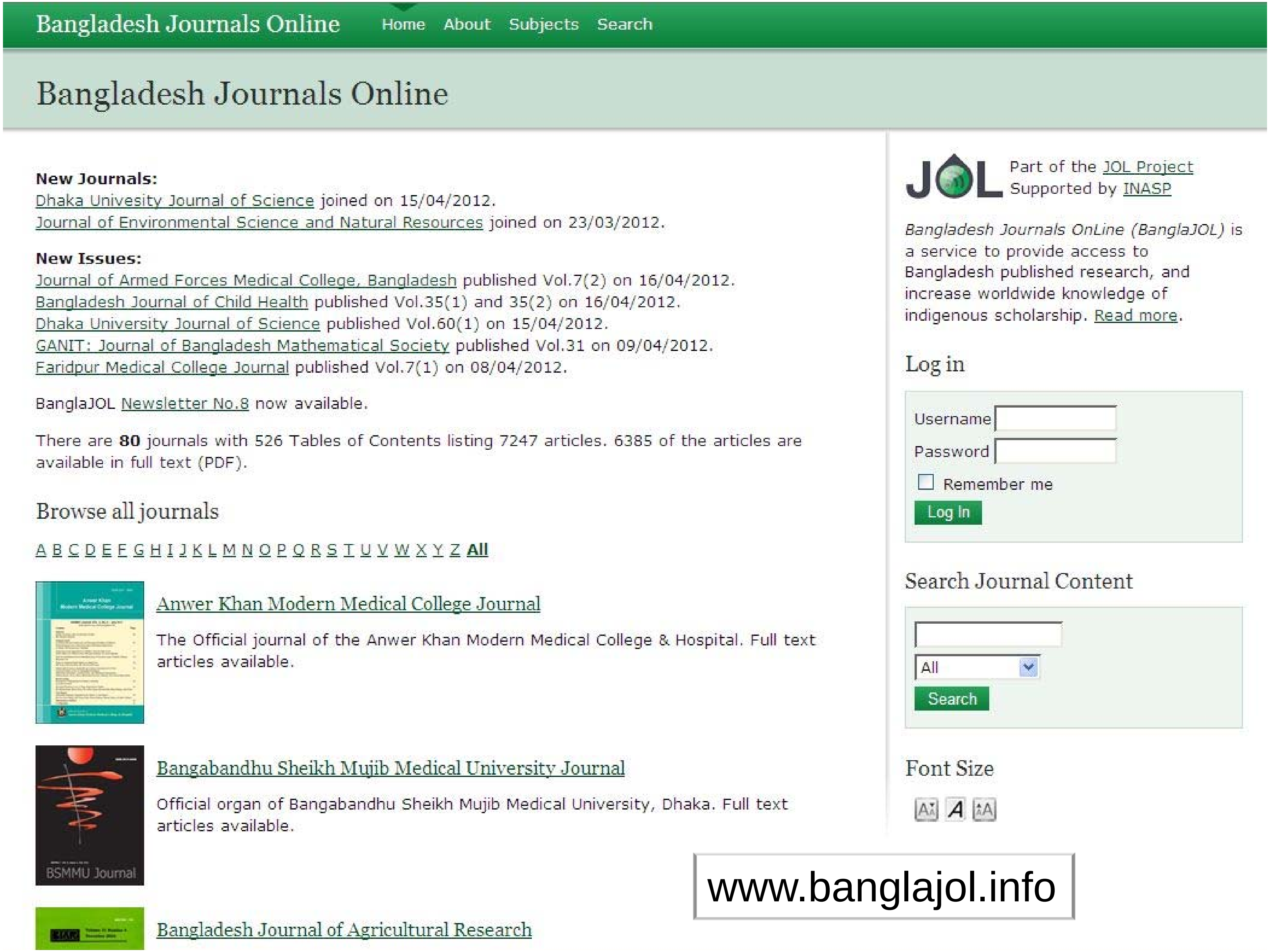

Bangladesh Journals Online

New Journals:
Dhaka University Journal of Science joined on 15/04/2012.
Journal of Environmental Science and Natural Resources joined on 23/03/2012.

New Issues:
Journal of Armed Forces Medical College, Bangladesh published Vol.7(2) on 16/04/2012.
Bangladesh Journal of Child Health published Vol.35(1) and 35(2) on 16/04/2012.
Dhaka University Journal of Science published Vol.60(1) on 15/04/2012.
GANIT: Journal of Bangladesh Mathematical Society published Vol.31 on 09/04/2012.
Faridpur Medical College Journal published Vol.7(1) on 08/04/2012.

BanglaJOL Newsletter No.8 now available.

There are **80** journals with 526 Tables of Contents listing 7247 articles. 6385 of the articles are available in full text (PDF).

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The Official journal of the Anwer Khan Modern Medical College & Hospital. Full text articles available.

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Journal

Official organ of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, Dhaka. Full text articles available.

Bangladesh Journal of Agricultural Research

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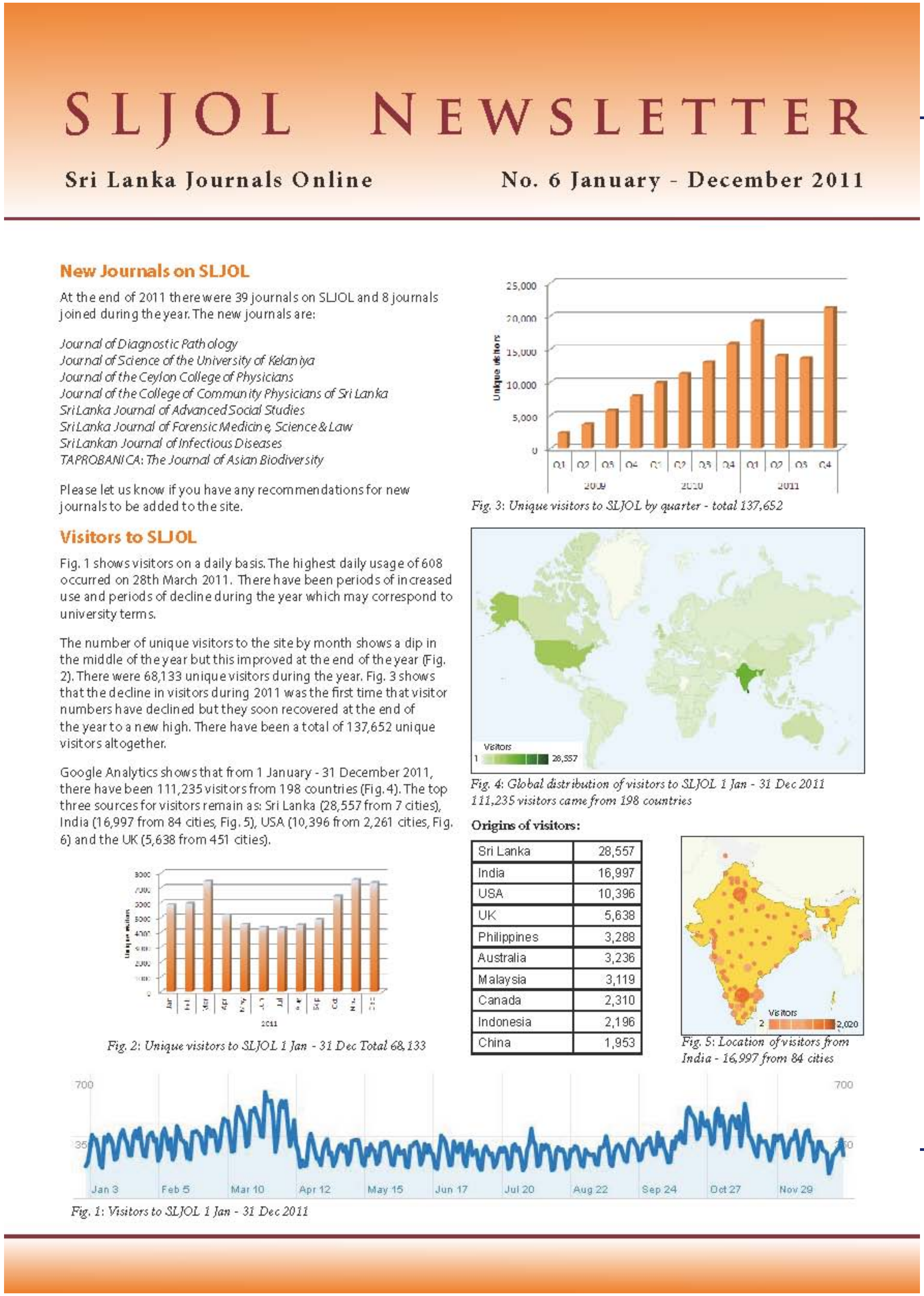

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Sri Lanka Journals Online

No. 6 January - December 2011

New Journals on SLJOL

At the end of 2011 there were 39 journals on SLJOL and 8 journals joined during the year. The new journals are:

Journal of Diagnostic Pathology
Journal of Science of the University of Kelaniya
Journal of the Ceylon College of Physicians
Journal of the College of Community Physicians of Sri Lanka
Sri Lanka Journal of Advanced Social Studies
Sri Lanka Journal of Forensic Medicine, Science & Law
Sri Lankan Journal of Infectious Diseases
TAPROBANICA: The Journal of Asian Biodiversity

Please let us know if you have any recommendations for new journals to be added to the site.

Visitors to SLJOL

Fig. 1 shows visitors on a daily basis. The highest daily usage of 608 occurred on 28th March 2011. There have been periods of increased use and periods of decline during the year which may correspond to university terms.

The number of unique visitors to the site by month shows a dip in the middle of the year but this improved at the end of the year (Fig. 2). There were 68,133 unique visitors during the year. Fig. 3 shows that the decline in visitors during 2011 was the first time that visitor numbers have declined but they soon recovered at the end of the year to a new high. There have been a total of 137,652 unique visitors altogether.

Google Analytics shows that from 1 January - 31 December 2011, there have been 111,235 visitors from 198 countries (Fig. 4). The top three sources for visitors remain as: Sri Lanka (28,557 from 7 cities), India (16,997 from 84 cities, Fig. 5), USA (10,396 from 2,261 cities, Fig. 6) and the UK (5,638 from 451 cities).

Fig. 3: Unique visitors to SLJOL by quarter - total 137,652

Fig. 4: Global distribution of visitors to SLJOL 1 Jan - 31 Dec 2011
111,235 visitors came from 198 countries

Origins of visitors:

Sri Lanka	28,557
India	16,997
USA	10,396
UK	5,638
Philippines	3,288
Australia	3,236
Malaysia	3,119
Canada	2,310
Indonesia	2,196
China	1,953

Fig. 5: Location of visitors from India - 16,997 from 84 cities

Fig. 2: Unique visitors to SLJOL 1 Jan - 31 Dec Total 68,133

Fig. 1: Visitors to SLJOL 1 Jan - 31 Dec 2011

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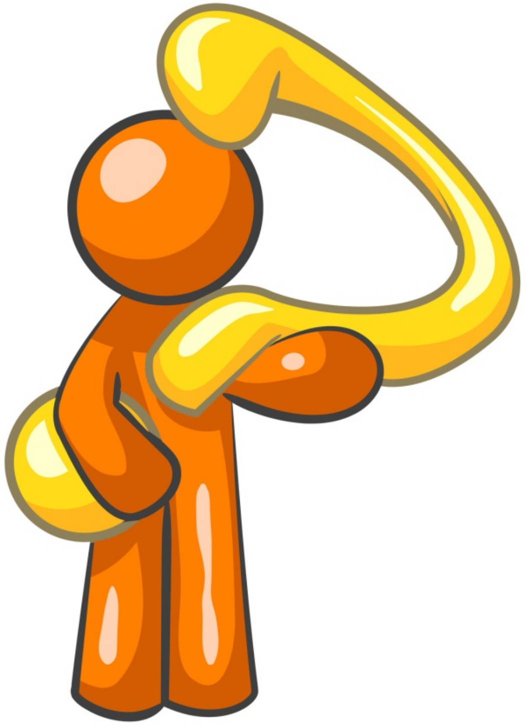

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