

## The Biotechnology Center invites North Carolina bioscience companies to join a consortium to access Elsevier B.V.'s ScienceDirect® journals.

The North Carolina Biotechnology Center's Library and Information Services works to provide the broadest level of access to useful information tools for the biosciences community.

To meet this goal the Biotechnology Center's Library Service is coordinating a consortium to provide desktop access to Elsevier B.V.'s Corporate Edition and Backfiles of *ScienceDirect*® fulltext scientific journals. This unlimited-use subscription at the broadest level of access comes at the remarkably advantageous price of \$1,185 per individual company researcher per year. Since the usual price is over \$50,000 per company for a minimum of 50 researchers, we are extremely pleased to offer you this option. The consortium allows us to share this minimum subscription.

The consortium currently includes 432 researchers from 17 different North Carolina companies. For the purpose of this agreement, the term "researcher" is defined as any scientist, biologist, biochemist, chemist, clinician, physician, etc. employed by participating companies and actively engaged in research and development.

For the Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2011 licensing opportunity, the cost will be \$1,185 per individual researcher license. **A minimum of three researcher licenses per company, for an annual cost of \$3,555, is required by Elsevier.**

### The consortium terms

- Each company will join the consortium by signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Biotechnology Center, due to the Consortium Coordinator by Nov. 1, 2010. Please contact the Consortium Coordinator for a copy of the Memorandum.
- All consortium members will then receive a licensing agreement and an invoice from Elsevier directly. This ensures that Elsevier B.V.'s license is acknowledged by a representative from each company and that all fees are paid directly to Elsevier B.V. Consortium members will ensure that the licensing agreement with Elsevier B.V. is signed **without changing the terms of the license that are already agreed to as a common condition of consortium members.**
- Unlimited access will be through each company's IP address. Online training sessions and usage analysis reports will also be available.
- The Biotechnology Center will provide a *Consortium Coordinator* who will maintain a membership list of companies, a contact person and the number of researchers licensed for each company.
- Consortium members will return the signed licensing agreement to Elsevier B.V. by the Dec. 1, 2010 deadline in order to receive an invoice. It is essential to meet this deadline in order to enroll for the Jan. 1, 2011 start date.

- Consortium members will then be invoiced and pay Elsevier B.V. promptly by Dec. 31, 2010.
- The consortium cannot enroll companies that currently subscribe to *ScienceDirect*®.

Each company that subscribes to *ScienceDirect*® through the Consortium may also subscribe to Cell Press journals at a reduced rate by signing a separate license with Elsevier.

The Cell Press journals include:

1. *Cell*, 1974–;
2. *Neuron*, 1988–;
3. *Current Biology*, 1991–;
4. *Structure*, 1993–;
5. *Immunity*, 1994–;
6. *Chemistry & Biology*, 1994–;
7. *Molecular Cell*, 1997 –;
8. *Developmental Cell*, 2001–;
9. *Cancer Cell*, 2002–; and
10. *Cell Metabolism*, 2005–
11. *Cell Host & Microbe*
12. *Stem Cell*
13. *American Journal of Human Genetics*
14. *The Biophysical Journal*

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- 5 to 7 Cell Press Journals: 15% off the combined subscription cost
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### Steps for joining consortium

To participate in the Jan. 1, 2011 start date the following deadlines must be met:

- **Nov. 1, 2010** – Return a signed Memorandum of Understanding to the Biotechnology Center to join the consortium.
- **Dec. 1, 2010** – Return a signed license agreement to Elsevier B.V.
- **Dec. 31, 2010** – Pay Elsevier B.V.

Elsevier is offering *two additional products* through the North Carolina Biotechnology Center Consortium in 2011 – access to their ScienceDirect Corporate Edition for Books and the Scopus citation database. Companies who are already part of the consortium may be interested in adding these products to their subscription, and new companies may want to purchase subscriptions to any combination of the three products (ScienceDirect journals, ScienceDirect books, and Scopus).

## ScienceDirect Corporate Edition for Books

Sometimes researchers need book resources in addition to journal articles. To meet this need, Elsevier has compiled over 10,000 electronic books into this collection, spanning all scientific and medical disciplines. The collection includes book series, reference works, handbooks and other books, back to 1995. Contact the Consortium Coordinator or Elsevier Account Representative for a detailed list of the books included in this subscription.

The normal starting point for this product is \$10,000 (for 1 to 50 researchers). Through the consortium, North Carolina companies can subscribe to the Books package for only \$150 per researcher, with a \$3,000 minimum per company. For example, a company with 1-20 researchers would pay \$3,000, and a company with 30 researchers would pay \$4,500. Companies with more than 50 researchers should talk with the Elsevier Account Representative for appropriate pricing options.

## Scopus citation database

Scopus is the largest abstract and citation database of research literature and quality web sources. The database indexes 18,000 journal titles from more than 5,000 publishers (including 650 trade publications), 40 million abstracts, 435 million scientific web pages, 23 million patent records, 3.6 million conference papers, articles-in-press and more! Scopus covers three times as many journals as PubMed with a more international scope. The citation tracking feature can be set up to track new research from specific authors, organizations, or subject areas. For more details, see <http://www.info.scopus.com/> or talk to the Elsevier Account Representative.

The normal starting point for this product is \$13,500 (for 1 to 50 researchers). Through the consortium, North Carolina companies can subscribe for only \$300 per researcher, with a \$3,000 minimum per company. For example, a company with 1-10 researchers would pay \$3,000, and a company with 15 researchers would pay \$4,500 per year. Companies with more than 45 researchers should talk with their Elsevier Account Representative for appropriate pricing options.

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