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Library
General information

The Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS) – the Italian National Institute of Health - is the technical and scientific body of the Italian National Health Service. Its Library specialises in scientific documentation in the biomedical field and supports the Institute’s activities.

Library entrance and opening hours

Library entrance:
Via del Castro Laurenziano 25, building 14.

Opening hours for ISS internal users:
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm.
Tuesday, Friday from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm.

Opening hours for external users (who must be provided with an identity paper):
Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

In August, the Library is closed for two weeks.

Holdings

The Library holdings mainly consist of periodicals and include more than 9,000 journal titles, almost 2,000 of which are current, in print and/or electronic format. Monographs (about 200,000) are arranged according to the classification systems of the National Library of Medicine and the Library of Congress. The Library holdings also include publications by national and international institutions and organizations, pharmacopoeias, official publications, health legislation textbooks and grey literature mainly consisting of technical reports.

The Library regularly acquires both bibliographic and full-text databases, covering the main technical and scientific literature areas, including biochemistry and molecular biology, chemistry, haematology, epidemiology, pharmacology, physics, immunology, environment pollution, medicine, microbiology, neurosciences, parasitology, toxicology, veterinary science, virology.

Special collections include a series of valuable rare books (XVI - XX centuries), as well as a collection of texts on Italy’s mineral waters.

WHO Documentation Centre

The Istituto Superiore di Sanità has been the World Health Organization Documentation Centre (WHO DC) since 1991.

Its Library collects and disseminates the World Health Organization publications it receives as WHO Documentation Centre (www.iss.it/whod).

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Services

Catalogues

• Online catalogue (www.iss.it/site/SebinaOpac)
• Retrospective catalogue on cd-rom for material until 1984.

The Library also takes part in the Italian “Catalogue of periodicals (ACNP)”.

Reading and lending services

Internal users have open access to all the Library holdings. External users have open access to reference publications and current year’s periodical issues only. Publications in storage may be requested for in-house reading to the Lending and Reference Office.

Lending service is only provided to internal users.

Copy service and document delivery

Duplication and reproduction of items in the Library’s collection must comply with the current Italian law on copyright. Internal users have free access to the Library’s photocopying machines which can only be used for duplicating documents for personal study and research purposes. External users can obtain photocopies of articles for a fee.

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