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ICTP eJournals Delivery Service (eJDS) for Scientists in Developing Countries

10th Anniversary

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The panorama of physics in least developed countries at the start of this century was grim, not only for inaccessibility of funds but for a novelty that the new technologies had created: the digital divide. With both problems in mind -and with the enthusiastic support of scientists associated with scientific societies and scientific publishing- in 2001 the ICTP started to organize the set up and administration of a pioneering service: the **eJournals Delivery Service (eJDS)**, <http://library.ictp.it/ejds>). The aim for eJDS has been to provide individual scientists in developing countries with the possibility of accessing online articles even with the lack of adequate Internet connectivity and without the means to cover the high-costs of subscriptions.

Ten years after the birth of this programme, the eJDS service is still running in as simple terms as in its beginning, in spite of having seen many changes in the developing countries. eJDS usage has almost doubled in the last year, and increased by over 5 times since 2007. It is time, not simply to celebrate this anniversary, but to review why it is still necessary today and how to adapt new realities and technologies to achieve its primary goal in an ever faster changing world.



The ICTP aims to celebrate this date with an open 10th Anniversary workshop with the participation of some representatives from the publishing societies and companies and scientists (users of the system).

PARTICIPATION:

This event is open to participation by Physicists and Mathematicians from all countries that are members of the United Nations, UNESCO or IAEA. Publishers, Scientific Journalists, Computers Scientists, *etc.* are most welcome to attend. The workshop will be conducted in English. **There is no registration fee.**

To get a partial support please note that this workshop follows ICTP-SDU workshop on "Scientific m-Learning" (4-7 June 2012). All selected participants of this workshop will be invited to the 10th Anniversary of eJDS. In this case the application form at <http://agenda.ictp.it/smr.php?2342> should be fulfilled - Deadline for submitting such applications is: **12 March 2012**

Cost free participants for the 10th Anniversary should apply directly via <http://agenda.ictp.it/smr.php?2344> -The deadline in this case is: **16 April 2012**

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