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## ***CIRAD's contribution to scientific dissemination at institutional, national and international level***

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In order to disseminate its research results to its partners, CIRAD provides free access to *Agritrop* on its website (<http://agritrop.cirad.fr/>) and through the Montpellier Languedoc-Roussillon Open Library access portal (<http://www.bomlr.info/>). Moreover, CIRAD publications can be searched and displayed by authors, teams, themes, countries, and partners on the CIRAD website (<http://publications.cirad.fr/>).

For several years, CIRAD, which signed the [Berlin Declaration](#) on Open Access to Scientific Knowledge in 2006, has been involved in targeted actions to promote Open Access by: 1) participating in the French repository *Hal* (<http://hal.cirad.fr/>), which provides access to a large number of scientific or technical documents; 2) helping its researchers identify Open Access Journals to publish in, or negotiate with publishers the copyrights attached to a paper. To that end, CIRAD guidelines are available on publishing in an Open Access journal, or negotiating an agreement with a commercial book publisher.

CIRAD is now improving its information system to place its research results at a higher national and international level. In 2012, *Agritrop* will offer: 1) new online processes such as self-archiving by CIRAD authors in *Agritrop* and *Hal*, author rights agreements to allow CIRAD, which has private status, to disseminate publications written by its own researchers; 2) new types of documents and new data about peer-review journals, impact factors, funding agency names and grant numbers. These new data will be added to *Agrovoc* keywords (FAO), *Agris/Caris* themes (FAO), and [CIRAD priority lines of research](#); 3) international standards for metadata, to export CIRAD publications. *Agritrop* will be indexed

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by search engines such as *Google* and *Google Scholar*, and OAI harvesters. *Agritrop* will be compliant with the [CIRAD maps catalogue](#) and the new CIRAD images database, with other institutional databases such as *ProdInra* (INRA), and with national repositories such as *Hal*, and with European projects such as *OpenAire* (<http://www.openaire.eu/> - ERC and EC-FP7). CIRAD would be ready to provide access to its publications through EFARD and the *CIARD ring* (<http://ring.ciard.net/>) for knowledge sharing in the area of agricultural research for development. For other types of information (statistics, data tables, experimental methods and materials), there is a growing need being expressed by CIRAD research teams and projects for storage and access to scientific data on dedicated platforms managed at institutional, national or international level.

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