REHABDATA Goes Global

Integrating the CIRRIE international research collection into NARIC’s REHABDATA database

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(re)Introducing NARIC and REHABDATA

- NARIC is the National Rehabilitation Information Center – funded by NIDILRR – serving as NIDILRR’s library and dissemination center.
- The NARIC collection spans more than 60 years of disability and rehabilitation research all indexed in the REHABDATA database.
- Prior to 2016, REHABDATA included approximately 100,000 citations
  - Articles from peer-reviewed journals, conference proceedings, and major magazines
  - Original research produced by Federal grantees (primarily NIDILRR) including reports, manuals, curricula, white papers, theses, guides, factsheets, newsletters
  - Commercially-published materials including textbooks

A panoramic view of the bookshelves holding about half of the NARIC collection. The other half is hidden in file cabinets.
Looking Outward – CIRRIE Builds Its Collection

• Beginning in 1999, NIDILRR funded the Center for International Rehabilitation Research Information and Exchange (CIRRIE).
  – Mission to facilitate the sharing of information between rehabilitation researchers in the US and other countries by supporting collaboration among the research community and by gathering and synthesizing the information this community produces.
  – CIRRIE’s citation database built on the REHABDATA concept, including the Thesaurus, but with international scope
  – CIRRIE also developed an excellent collection of original material
    » International Encyclopedia of Rehabilitation
    » Cultural competency guides
    » Annotated bibliographies
  – All but the database is still available at cirrie.buffalo.edu
Expanding REHABDATA’s Scope

• NARIC’s task for 2016: Adopt the CIRRIE citation database
  – Step 1: Host the complete database at naric.com while the integration took place.
  – Step 2: To import or not to import?
  – Step 3: (re)Build the search functionality
  – Step 4: (re)Create the reports
  – Step 5: (re)Introduce new material
Basic and Advanced Search

- **Multiple ways to search REHABDATA**
  - Basic search at naric.com
    - All-fields, all-the-words (AND) search
    - Searching *spinal cord injury walking* returns any records with those four words anywhere in the record (as a phrase or individually)
    - Your results will include every type of document, including international research
Basic and Advanced Search

- Include, exclude, or opt for only international research

Try one or more of the upper fields

Search specific fields: Title, author, abstract, year, descriptor, NIDILRR grant number

Opt to include, exclude, or limit to international, full text, available for delivery
A sample advanced search

Phrase: Spinal cord injury
Any: walk, walking, gait, ambulation
International: YES!

Result: 578 abstracts!
Browse your way through

• Not sure where to start? Try browsing by
  – Thesaurus term – Every record in REHABDATA is indexed by a select group of keywords
    » Familiar with ICF terminology? Match ICF terms to Thesaurus terms to start your search
  – New acquisitions
    » About 300 items are added each month (50-80 international pieces). Browse by curated descriptor groups to get an overview of what we recently added.
  – Journals
    » Great way to get to know where the field is publishing and to find new international and open access journals
  – Publishers
    » A smaller list, but highlights the biggest publishers in disability and rehabilitation
Looking forward

• NARIC will continue to grow the International Research collection, but with some important differences:
  – Fewer new acquisitions, hand selected by NARIC librarians
  – Original abstracts
  – Focus on non-English publishers

• More International English articles as well
  – Our acquisition efforts tended to focus on US research. New English-language acquisitions will also broaden in scope.

• New printed Thesaurus for 2017
Stay Up-to-Date

• **Sign up for REHABDATA Connection**
  – Monthly literature awareness service
  – One email, multiple topics, you choose what’s important to you

• **Sign up for News and Notes**
  – Weekly email newsletter featuring resources, events, news, and more from the NIDILRR community

• **Follow us**
  – @NARICInfo and @NARICenEspanol on Twitter
  – Find us on Facebook (English and Spanish)
  – Follow our Pinterest boards (NARICInfo)
Some Additional Resources

• Scholar.google.com – search in other languages using the Settings button
• PubMed.gov – the National Library of Medicine
• REHADAT.info – research on vocational participation (Germany)
• PEDro.au – Physiotherapy evidence database (Australia)
• DOAJ.org - Directory of Open Access Journals from 130 countries
• Kci.go.kr - Korean Open Access Journals
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