

The Library develops its holdings

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**Introduction of a new OPAC,
a bibliographic database,
and the updating of its catalogue
of scientific journals:
these are just a few of the projects
we have undertaken that are
aimed at making our library
a place for up-to-date
specialized research**



In order to develop its documentary holdings and electronic resources, our library has recently undertaken several new projects: the introduction of a new OPAC (On-line Public Access Catalogue),

as well as the upgrading of our library of scientific journals and of our database.

The new OPAC

In order to improve the use of its vast holding of books, the library has introduced a new OPAC known as OseeGenius (OpenSEmanticEngine-Genius). Compared to the previous system this offers a series of additional functions, which enhance the relevance of the search results and offers various possibilities with regard to the visualization of the results and improving on their usage.



During the search phase, OseeGenius enables the use of various filters to determine the conditions the results must meet. It also enables the user to select the required documents and to save them in an assigned area from where they can subsequently be downloaded in various formats and bibliographic platforms.

Scientific journals

Our Library has always striven to advance knowledge and to aid access and reference to the scientific journals it has in print as well as those available in e-version *via* internet. The Library has a vast selection of journals and reviews, which are all available directly "on the bookshelves". These are very important in numerical terms (3,703 printed publications, of which 1,337 are at hand and 415 are also available in e-version), in terms of the subject matter (27 different specialized subjects or fields are covered), in terms of exclusiveness and lan-



entific community to locate the library that has the publication in which the requested article is published, and to make use of the *document delivery* service, with requests for copies sent via *e-mail*.

The database

Our Library provides several bibliographic databases, including those pertaining to complete texts. Our University sees the advancement of knowledge and simplifying the use of these informative instruments, which are of significant importance in the academic environment, as an absolute priority.

As for journals and reviews, a computer app has been created and is aimed at advancing knowledge and the use of a bibliographic database, as well as of all the complete texts to which the Library offers access (*online*, cd-rom and academic resources that can be freely accessed on the *web*). ▶

To explore the multiple functions of OseeGenius, the Library organized a series of explicative meetings.

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guages covered. The Library also has articles published in about 2,600 journals and reviews indexed in the database that can be accessed *via* internet, and which are available in e-format.

Continuing in its intention to develop this important collection of publications, the Library has decided to participate in the "ACNP-Archivio Collettivo Nazionale dei Periodici" (Italian National Archive of Journals) project launched by the National Research Council (CNR) in collaboration with the University of Bologna. The project involves the creation of a large database, which will collect information regarding all the journals and reviews that the Italian libraries have. This will enable the international sci-