
RESULTS OF THE "SURVEY – JOURNALS @ EPFL FOR THE SCIENTISTS OF THE BRAIN MIND INSTITUTE (BMI)"

KEY FINDINGS

- About 50% of participants know where to find the complete list of e-journals available at EPFL (to be found at <http://library.epfl.ch/en/periodicals/>)
- About 75% of participants find the e-journal offer at EPFL good to excellent.
- 13 crucially missing e-journals at EPFL :
 - Neuropsychopharmacology
 - Autophagy
 - Nature Reviews Neurology
 - Spinal cord
 - Stress
 - Learning & Memory
 - Perspectives in Biology
 - Journal of Experimental Psychology: General
 - Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance
 - Neurology
 - Nutritional Neuroscience
 - Psychological Review
 - Perspectives in Medicine
- 4 potentially missing e-journals at EPFL :
 - Cognitive Neuroscience
 - Journal of Biomolecular Screening
 - Journal of Psychopharmacology
 - Progress in Brain Research
- About 30% of participants declare to need e-journals unavailable at EPFL more than once a month.

INTRODUCTION

Addressed to every BMI scientific member, this survey was carried out to determine whether scientific e-journals available at EPFL met the needs of the BMI scientists. This survey was an initiative of the "Bibliothèque de l'EPFL" in collaboration with Prof. G. Courtine (the Life Sciences Faculty representative of the EPFL Library Committee - COB) and was an opportunity for every BMI scientist to express their needs in terms of e-journal accesses.

METHOD

A. FORM

A form was created using the EPFL tool "Inform" (<http://inform-doc.epfl.ch/>). That form contained six questions divided in two parts ...

i. Part 1 : EPFL e-journal offer content

Q1. Would you know where to find the complete list of e-journals available at EPFL (on the EPFL website)?

Q2. How would you describe the EPFL e-journal offer in regard to your domain of activity?

Q3. What e-journals are crucially missing at EPFL for your research activities (HIGH IMPORTANCE)?

Q4. What e-journals are potentially missing at EPFL for your research activities (LOW IMPORTANCE)?

ii. Part 2 : Access to e-journals unavailable at EPFL

Q5. How often would you need to access e-journals that are not available at EPFL?

Q6. How would you get articles to journals unavailable at EPFL?

Date of the survey : 15th July to 8th September 2013

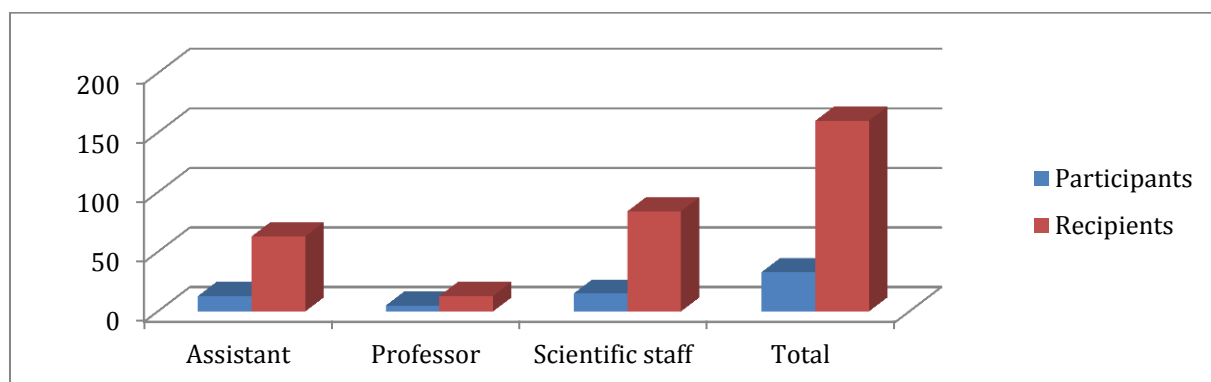
B. RECIPIENTS

The URL of the form was sent to the BMI scientific members mentioned on the following lists at the time of the survey ...

professeurs.bmi@epfl.ch; personnel-scientifique.bmi@epfl.ch; assistants.bmi@epfl.ch

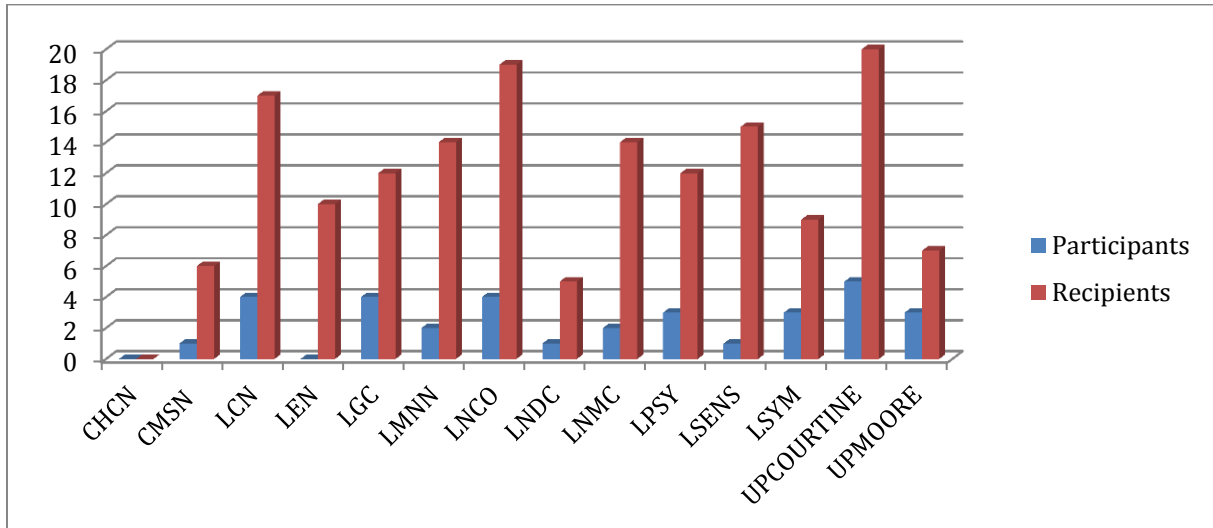
i. Statut distribution

Statuts	Participants	Participants / Total participants	Recipients	Participants / Total recipients
Assistant	13	39%	63	8%
Professor	5	15%	13	3%
Scientific staff	15	45%	84	9%
Total	33	100%	160	21%



ii. Laboratories distribution

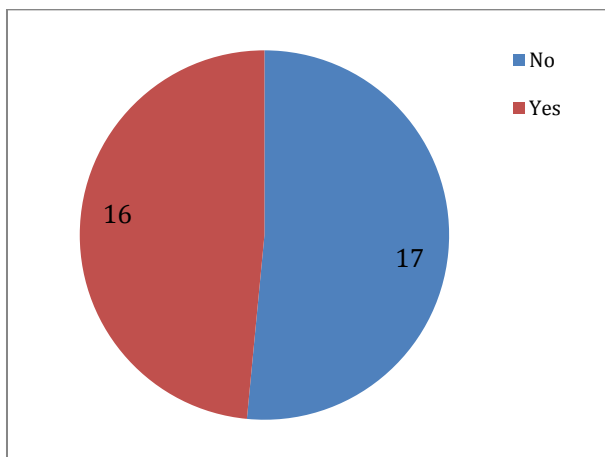
Laboratories	Participants	Participants / Total participants	Recipients	Participants / Total recipients
CHCN	0	0%	0	0%
CMSN	1	3%	6	1%
LCN	4	12%	17	3%
LEN	0	0%	10	0%
LGC	4	12%	12	3%
LMNN	2	6%	14	1%
LNCO	4	12%	19	3%
LNDC	1	3%	5	1%
LNMC	2	6%	14	1%
LPSY	3	9%	12	2%
LESENS	1	3%	15	1%
LSYM	3	9%	9	2%
UPCOURTINE	5	15%	20	3%
UPMOORE	3	9%	7	2%
Total	33	100%	160	21%



RESULTS

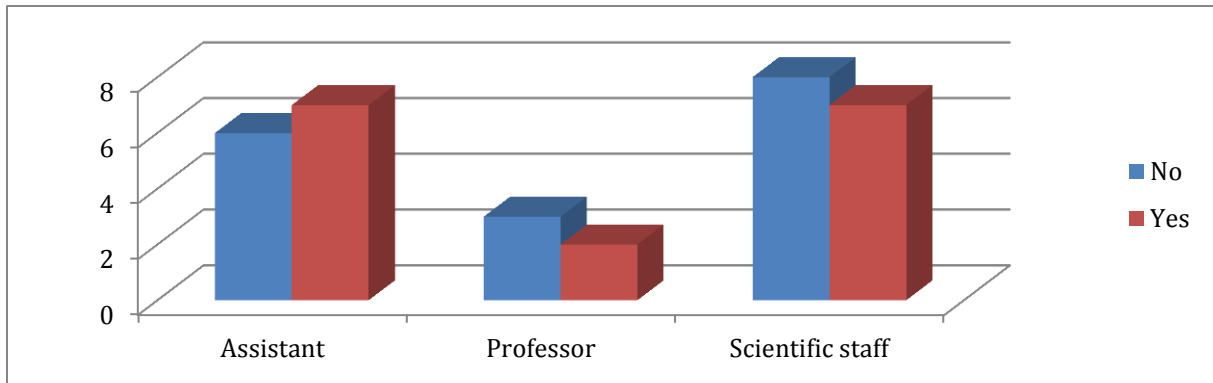
Q1. Would you know where to find the complete list of e-journals available at EPFL (on the EPFL website)?

Number of participants having answered : 33 (all participants answered the question).



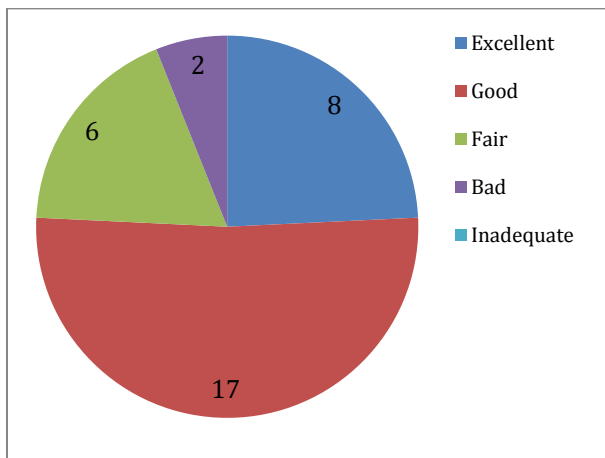
i. Statut distribution

Statuts	No	Yes	Total
Assistant	6	7	13
Professor	3	2	5
Scientific staff	8	7	15
Total	17	16	33



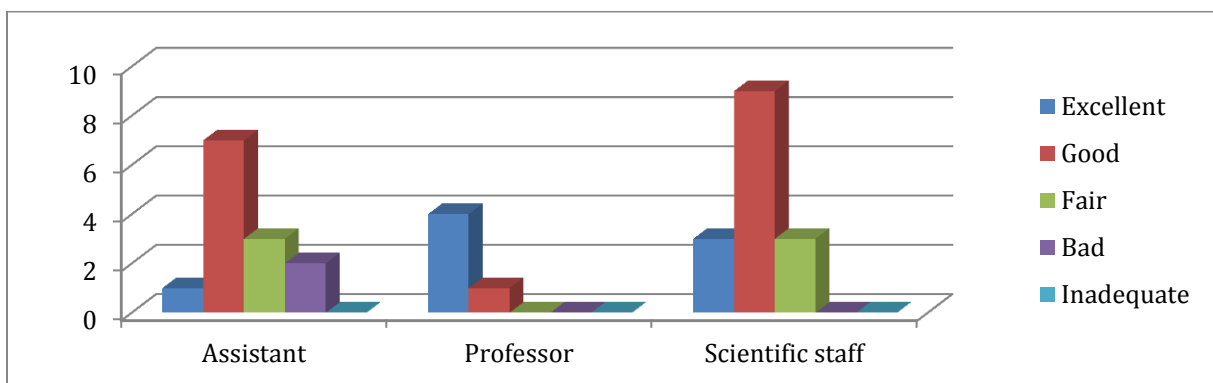
Q2. How would you describe the EPFL e-journal offer in regard to your domain of activity?

Number of participants having answered : 33 (all participants answered the question).



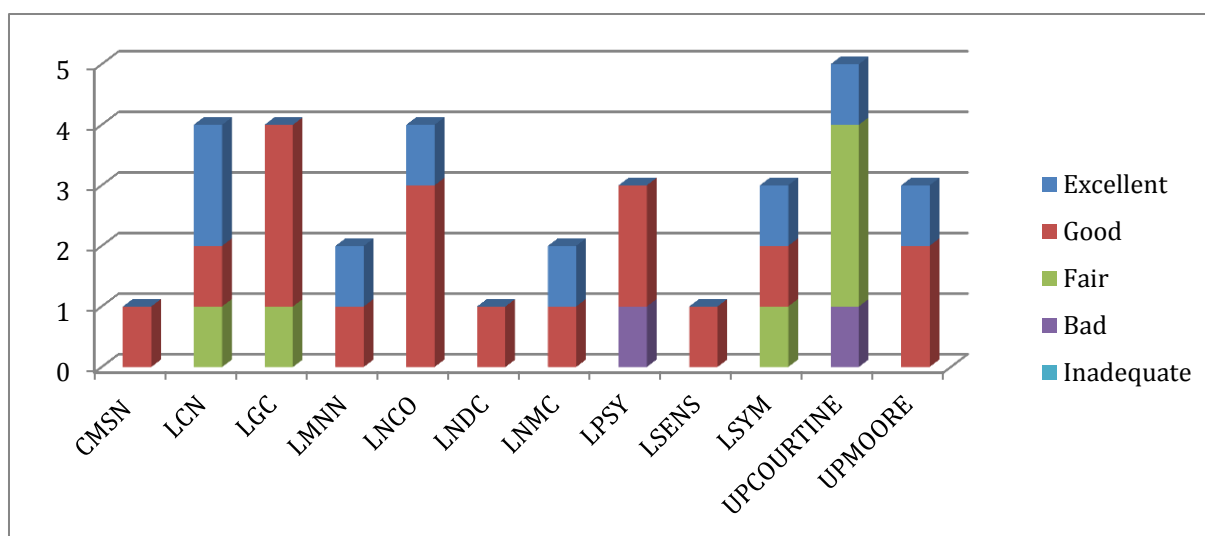
i. Statut distribution

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Bad	Inadequate	Total
Assistant	1	7	3	2	0	13
Professor	4	1	0	0	0	5
Scientific staff	3	9	3	0	0	15
Total	8	17	6	2	0	33



ii. Laboratories distribution

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Bad	Inadequate	Total
CMSN	0	1	0	0	0	1
LCN	2	1	1	0	0	4
LGC	0	3	1	0	0	4
LMNN	1	1	0	0	0	2
LNCO	1	3	0	0	0	4
LNDC	0	1	0	0	0	1
LNMC	1	1	0	0	0	2
LPSY	0	2	0	1	0	3
LENS	0	1	0	0	0	1
LSYM	1	1	1	0	0	3
UPCOURTINE	1	0	3	1	0	5
UPMOORE	1	2	0	0	0	3
Total	8	17	6	2	0	33



Q3. What e-journals are crucially missing at EPFL for your research activities (HIGH IMPORTANCE)?

Number of participants having answered : 20 (13 participants did not mention any e-journal).

E-journals mentioned ...

Title	Counts
Journal of Physiology	4
Neuropsychopharmacology	4
Autophagy	2
Nature Reviews Neurology	2
Spinal cord	2
Stress	2
All APA journals	1
CSH Perspectives in Biology and Lab Press	1
European Journal of Neurology	1
European Journal of Neuroscience	1
Experimental Neurology	1
Handbooks	1
Journal of Experimental Psychology: General	1
Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance	1

Journal of Neurophysiology	1
Journal of Vestibular Research	1
Journal of Vision	1
Learning & Memory	1
Neurology	1
None -- everything can be accessed, even if with a small delay	1
Nutritional Neuroscience	1
Psychological Review	1
Psychological Science	1
Spinal cord (older issues)	1
Total général	34

Q4. What e-journals are potentially missing at EPFL for your research activities (LOW IMPORTANCE)?

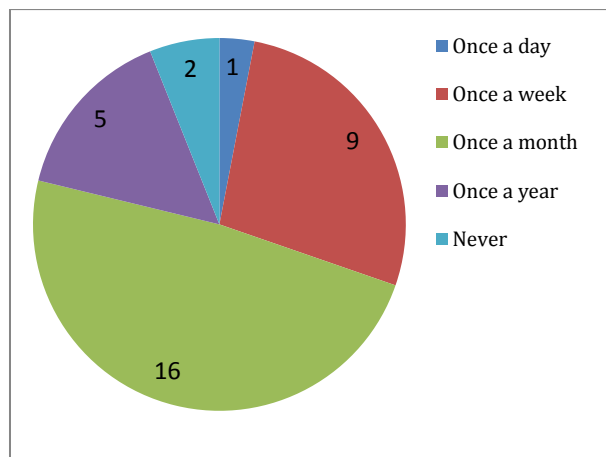
Number of participants having answered : 4 (29 participants did not mention any e-journal).

E-journals mentioned ...

Title	Counts
Cognitive Neuroscience	1
Journal of Biomolecular Screening	1
Journal of Psychopharmacology	1
Progress in Brain Research	1
Spinal Cord	1
Total general	5

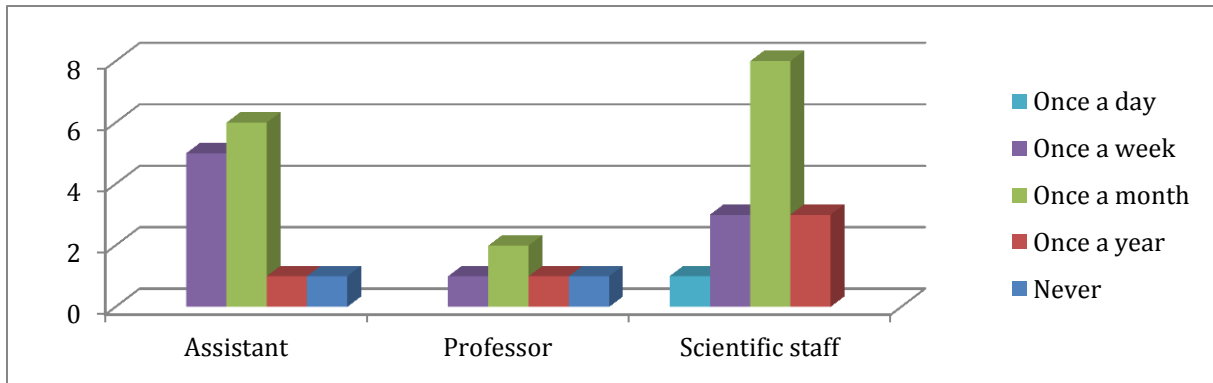
Q5. How often would you need to access e-journals that are not available at EPFL?

Number of participants having answered : 33 (all participants answered the question).



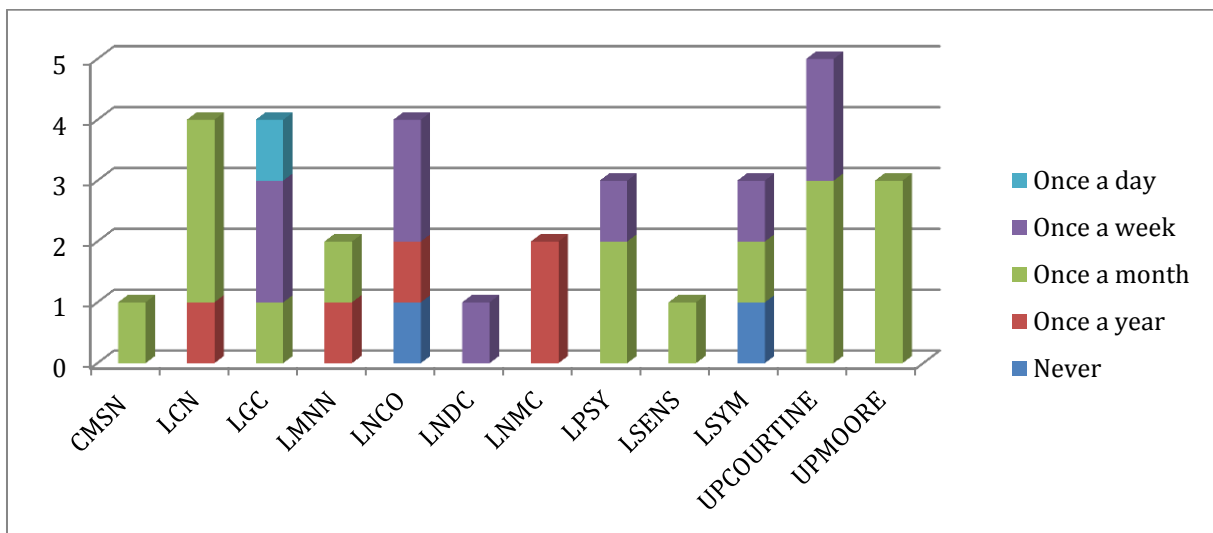
i. Statut distribution

Statut	Never	Once a year	Once a month	Once a week	Once a day	Total
Assistant	1	1	6	5	0	13
Professor	1	1	2	1	0	5
Scientific staff	0	3	8	3	1	15
Total	2	5	16	9	1	33



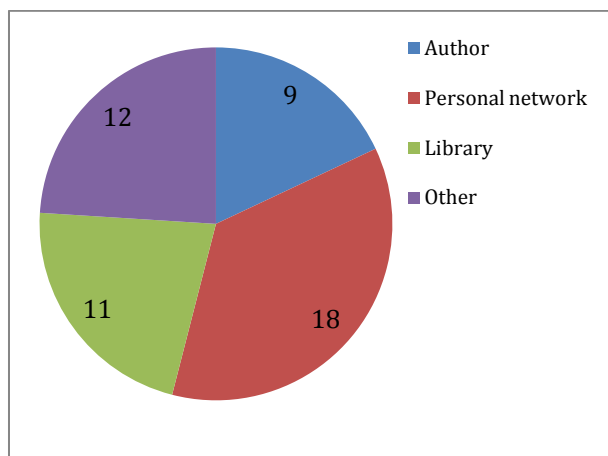
ii. Laboratories distribution

	Never	Once a year	Once a month	Once a week	Once a day	Total
CMSN	0	0	1	0	0	1
LCN	0	1	3	0	0	4
LGC	0	0	1	2	1	4
LMNN	0	1	1	0	0	2
LNCO	1	1	0	2	0	4
LNDC	0	0	0	1	0	1
LNMC	0	2	0	0	0	2
LPSY	0	0	2	1	0	3
LENS	0	0	1	0	0	1
LSYM	1	0	1	1	0	3
UPCOURTINE	0	0	3	2	0	5
UPMOORE	0	0	3	0	0	3
Total	2	5	16	9	1	33

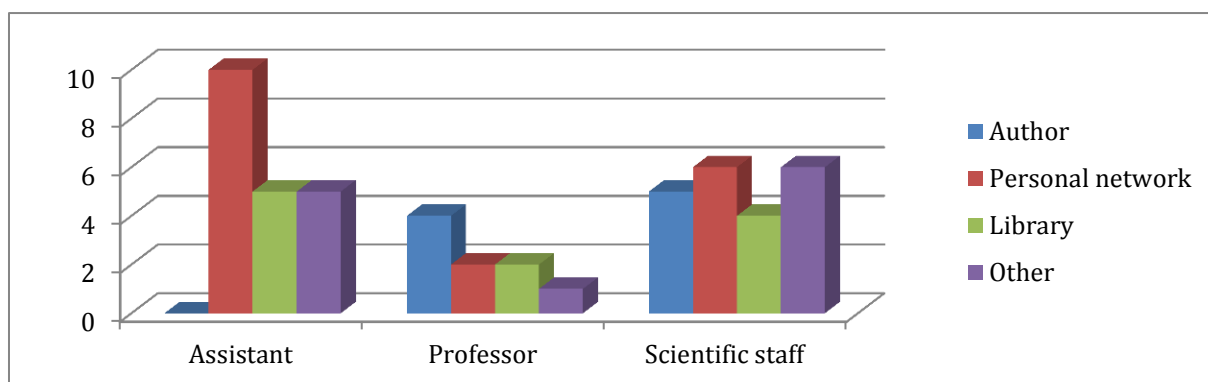


Q6. How would you get articles belonging to e-journals unavailable at EPFL?

Number of participants having answered : 33 (all participants answered the question).



Statut	Author	Personal network	Library	Other	Total
Assistant	0	10	5	5	20
Professor	4	2	2	1	9
Scientific staff	5	6	4	6	21
Total	9	18	11	12	50



SHORT ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSIONS

Q1.

About 50% of participants do know where to find the complete list of e-journals available at EPFL. This clearly shows that the Bibliothèque de l'EPFL must improve the visibility of this list which is to be found at <http://library.epfl.ch/en/periodicals/>.

Q2.

About 75% of participants think that the e-journal offer at EPFL is excellent or good. Only a minority of participants (6%) think that the offer is bad and must clearly be improved. Therefore, it might be said that the e-journal collection at EPFL generally meets the BMI scientists needs.

Q3.

Among crucially missing e-journals that are mentioned by the participants, it must be noted that ...

➤ 9 e-journals are already available at EPFL ...

- Journal of Physiology
<http://j.mp/19BP7Y8>
- European Journal of Neurology
<http://j.mp/1ardQzi>
- European Journal of Neuroscience
<http://j.mp/1beplct>
- Experimental Neurology
<http://j.mp/19IskZt>
- Journal of Neurophysiology
<http://j.mp/19BPtOr>
- Journal of Vestibular Research
<http://j.mp/19BPyBG>
- Journal of Vision
<http://j.mp/14KHCyx>
- Psychological Science
<http://j.mp/1dLuCex>
- Spinal cord (older issues)
<http://j.mp/1h4wKOT>

➤ 2 mentions relates to collections of e-journals and not single e-journals ...

- "All APA journals" : <http://j.mp/18ZxGVg> (collection of numerous e-journals).
- "Lab Press" : <http://j.mp/1dLx5pm> (collection of 7 e-journals) ...
 - # CSH Protocols : available at EPFL
<http://j.mp/16sQfB9>
 - # Genes & Development : available at EPFL
<http://j.mp/173FKBJ>
 - # Genome Research : available at EPFL
<http://j.mp/1856AsD>
 - # Learning & Memory
 - # Perspectives in Biology
 - # Perspectives in Medicine
 - # RNA : available at EPFL
<http://j.mp/193qKAv>

➤ 2 mentions are unclear or do not relate to e-journals ...

- "Handbooks" (participant have not answered the e-mail calling for more information).
- "None – everything can be accessed, even if with a small delay".

As a consequence, according to BMI scientists, the list of e-journal crucially missing at EPFL is (number of citations within brackets) ...

- Neuropsychopharmacology (4)
- Autophagy (2)
- Nature Reviews Neurology (2)
- Spinal cord (2)
- Stress (2)
- Learning & Memory (2)
- Perspectives in Biology (1)
- Journal of Experimental Psychology: General (1)
- Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance (1)
- Neurology (1)
- Nutritional Neuroscience (1)
- Psychological Review (1)
- Perspectives in Medicine (1)

... and APA journals.

The Bibliothèque de l'EPFL will now proceed to the subscription price evaluation of the above mentioned e-journals. Decision to subscribe/not subscribe will then be taken within the EPFL Library Committee (Life Sciences Faculty representative: Prof. G. Courtine) according to available budgetary resources. Accepted e-journal subscriptions will then lead to granted access in the beginning of 2014.

Q4.

Among potentially missing e-journals that are mentioned by the participants, it must be noted that ...

- 1 e-journal is already mentioned in the "crucially missing" section ...
 - Spinal Cord

As a consequence, according to BMI scientists, the list of e-journals potentially missing at EPFL is (number of citations within brackets) ...

- Cognitive Neuroscience (1)
- Journal of Biomolecular Screening (1)
- Journal of Psychopharmacology (1)
- Progress in Brain Research (1)

Q5.

About 30% of participants declare to need e-journals that are unavailable at EPFL more than once a month. Once again, this result seems to show that the e-journal collection at EPFL meets the BMI scientists needs.

Q6.

There do not seem to have a clear and consistent practice among the participants as to how to get an article belonging to e-journals that are unavailable at EPFL. Yet to be noticed, only 30% of participants seem to be aware of the fact that the Bibliothèque de l'EPFL can have access to nearly any published article in less than 48 hours through its Inter Library Loan service (<http://j.mp/15MnfgR>).

The Bibliothèque de l'EPFL would like to deeply thank all participants for having taken the time to answer this survey.

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