

Information networking at the Claudius Regaud Institute (ICR) medical library, one of the 20 french comprehensive cancer centers.

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Claudius Regaud Institute belongs to the network of 20 comprehensive cancer centers in France, overseen by a national federation (FNCLCC). On a same site, the ICR brings together researchers, practitioners, caring and non-caring staff all specialized in oncology. Since its creation in 1923, the institute has been dedicated to three main missions :treatment, research and teaching.

Within the network of 20 medical libraries, we decided to improve the communication between colleagues of the different centers, because our issues are the same in information research.

At the beginning, each librarian has created his own- scientific journal catalogue subscribed by the center itself using an Excel spreadsheet. In a second time, one of the librarians of this network decided to bring together the 20 catalogues in a unique one. It was a long and boring work and the mutual catalogue was very often outdated,.

For this reason, we chose to develop an alternative solution for a collaboration using the Google Documents platform. For that, we tested the new functionalities of the Web 2.0. The use of this Google platform was very simple and intuitive. Moreover, the update of the catalogue is immediate and is never outdated. The security of the access is warranted by the Google space and we can choice also some external users interested by our domain. This collaborative space is opened to our different colleagues of anticancer centers.

This system is free of charge and must be installed without informatic support. Only one inconvenience was noted : the slowness of this system.

The use of these Google tools has been optimized with the creation of our Internet website and with the organization since two years of the archives conservation within our librarian network.