

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 a network of 20 comprehensive cancer centers in France, overseen by a national federation (FNCLCC).

Established along the lines of private health care but with a "no-profit" aim, they have always functioned as public service hospitals. On a unique 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, innovation and teaching.

Within the network of 20 medical libraries, we decided to improve the communication between colleagues of the different centers, because we share the same issues regarding obtention of information research.

With the increase of scientific subscriptions in the different centers, an inventory of all ressources was necessary.

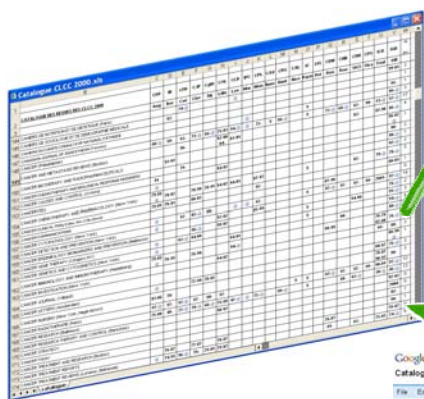
In 1999, a small group of few motivated librarians was then created to initiate a reflexion about this major subject.



In 2000, during an annual meeting , every librarian must come with his own scientific journals catalogue. In 2001, one of the network librarians decided to bring together the 20 cataloges in an unique one. So, the librarian of Marseille made a concatenation of all cataloges, using an Excel™ spreadsheet.

We decided to change every 3 years the manager of the concatenation, because it was a long and boring work and the mutual catalogue was very often outdated.

For this reason, during the FNCLCC librarian's annual meeting in Toulouse "Medical libraries and the future" in 2007, we suggested an alternative solution.



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our Cataloge on
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Google™ account
created, we uploaded
the existing catalogue
in a Google™
spreadsheet and
gave the rights
to our colleagues.

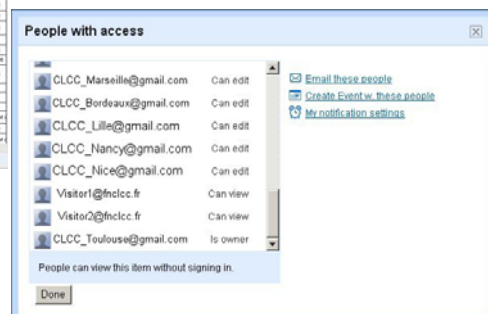


During a workshop we tested the new functionalities of the Web 2.0 : Zoho™ personal suite and Google™ Docs. We selected the Google™ platform as it was widely known, intuitive and easy to use which allowed an efficient collaboration.

Every librarian created a Google™ account to contribute to the shared catalogue.

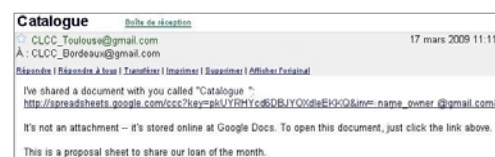
The librarians of Toulouse built a spreadsheet with alphabetical tabs. It's a double-entry table : each line for the title of journals and each column for the Center and the city ; the crossing cells are completed by the years of the collection defining the paper or online access.

Next, they invited by email specifying their role with an hypertext link in the message. Three functions were available : "Is owner" only for the author of the document who alone can invite the other contributors, "Can edit" to modify and write, and "Can view" to read only. We can note that the security of access is warranted by the Google™ space and we can choose with the same process some external users interested in our domain. So, all librarians can update as they want, our catalogue and the modifications are automatically saved and available within 5 minutes.



The URL link can be used to modify and consult and will be added in our bookmarks.

Disadvantages	Benefits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Slowness in modification - Creation of a new contributor only by the « owner » of document - The web screen view not appropriated to be printed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Immediate update - Installation without computing support - Free of charge - Intuitive solution



Anyone you've invited to view your document, can access to consult with an URL link. After log in, multiple people can view, make changes and discuss at the same time. It's really made to share and collaborate. We didn't meet any difficulties to implement this new way of working and all the librarians of the FNCLCC have supported this tool with enthusiasm. We survey all the changes of the Google™ platform, we saw some improvements about rights, chat area and new functionalities.

After this success, the activities of our network has been extended and optimized with the Google™ Sites for our meeting website, Blogger for our blog, Reader for our RSS collection and Picasa Web Albums for pictures concerning our meetings.