SAILING IN THE REASERCH ACTIVITY OF ITALIAN BIOMEDICAL LIBRARIES : THE BIBLIOSAN ANALYSIS

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Bibliosan is a library system financed by the Italian Ministry of Health which is composed of a permanent and structured network of 56 of the most important Biomedical Research Institutes in Italy.
During 2008 a survey was conducted regarding a systematic recognition of employees and libraries from which the following facts emerged : librarians do not limit their work to library management, administrative and computer tasks of documentary patrimony as well as the retrieval and distribution of scientific information, but more often they are protagonists of an intense training and teaching activity which spread knowledge, transmit skills, organize and manage courses, seminars and meetings, submit reports and participate in conference speeches, publish articles in professional journals and in scientific periodicals of international relevance.
The purpose of this paper is to study and evaluate this last aspect, the most important and stimulating role that librarians play in modern biomedical libraries. In this work, we analyse the scientific productivity of Bibliosan Libraries, describe areas of concern as well as results obtained during 2008 and 2009.
The goal is to highlight how it is possible to carry out research activity in each library and how this increases its visibility within their institutes as well as within the Bibliosan network, contributing to librarian role enhancement as a mediator and facilitator of quality information which aims to support physicians, researchers, health care professionals, patients, consumers and citizens.