

## **DATAD WORKSHOP**

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### **COUNTRY REPORT**

#### **MAKERERE UNIVERSITY**

#### **UGANDA**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

The training workshop was held on 24-25 January 2002, at Makerere University Library. Three members of staff were trained from Africana / Special Collections Section and Albert Cook Medical Library.

Data entry started in February, 2002 and so far 128 entries have been entered in the database beginning with the retrospective ones. At the moment, the library has a total collection of 3002 dissertations and theses.

#### **CONTRIBUTION OF MAKERERE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY TOWARDS THE PROJECT:**

For facilitating the smooth implementation of the project, the Library has done the following:

1. Tax clearance of the equipment
2. 3 members of staff entering and editing the data.
3. Equipment.
  - a. 2 UPS
  - b. 4 cables for Ups
  - c. Networking hub
  - d. 2 Screen protectors
  - e. 2 A-drive locks
  - f. 2 extension cables
  - g. Stationary
4. Office space
5. Facilitating regular meetings by paying sitting allowance

#### **SIMILAR RELATED ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN AND HOW THEY COMPLEMENT THE PROJECT**

1. Uganda National Bibliography vols 1-10 1987 - 1997 which includes theses and dissertations. The Library is a Legal Depository for Uganda imprint and is therefore required to produce a Uganda National Bibliography regularly.
2. Directory of complemented and ongoing research at Makerere University 190-1995 funded by the School of Postgraduate Studies,
3. Annotated list of theses and dissertations submitted to the University of East Africa and held by Makerere University Library, 1970.

4. Annotated list of theses and dissertations submitted to Makerere University and held by Makerere university Library, 1979
5. Education research information abstracts: Masters PhDs and other related research, School of Education, DSE Project, 1999
6. Indexes and abstracts of Masters dissertations of the Institute of Statistics and Applied Economics and School of Industrial and Fine Art, East African School of Library and Information Science (EASLIS), 1997
7. Indexes and abstracts of Makerere University Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Faculties of Agriculture, Arts, Education, fine Art and Social Sciences, EASLIS, 1997.
8. Index and abstracting of Masters of Social Sciences dissertations 1970-1996, EASLIS, 1997.
9. Abstracts of Masters of Education and Masters in Educational management dissertations of the School of Education (Makerere university) 1994-1996, EASLIS, 1997
10. Indexes and abstracts of dissertations for the degree of Masters of Education 1991-1993, EASLIS, 1997.
11. Indexes and abstracts of Agriculture Masters degree dissertations 1970-1996, EASLIS, 1997
12. Index and abstracts of doctoral theses and dissertations from the faculties of Medicine, Science and Veterinary Medicine, EASLIS, 1997
13. An index and abstracts of masters dissertation and theses in the Faculties of Commerce, Technology and Veterinary medicine since 1970, EASLIS, 1997
14. Abstracts for masters and PhDs theses , Faculty of Forestry and Nature Conservation, 1998.

### **PROBLEMS/CHALLENGES**

1. Procite Software cannot spell check and print
2. Omnipage software cannot scan carbon theses/ dissertations submitted in carbon copies and on those flimsy paper. These are common in the retrospective documents. So staff resorted to typing the abstracts some of them are very long and this takes a lot of the valuable time.
3. Makerere University is the oldest University in East Africa. It was originally known as the Makerere University, University College of East Africa. It had its sister colleges namely, Nairobi and Dar es Salaam. In the 1960s and early 1970s, some courses namely Veterinary Medicine and Engineering were done at University College Nairobi, University of East Africa. So we don't know which acronym to use for those

theses/dissertations done at Nairobi or Dar es Salaam with copies deposited at Makerere.

4. The library has in its collection a number of theses and dissertations done in foreign universities such as Europe and America. We don't know whether these should be included in the Database, and even then we would not know their acronyms.
5. Theses/dissertations in Medicine are located at the Albert Cook Medical Library which is located off Main Campus are not yet processed because of lack of equipment in the Medical Library.
6. The scanner is very slow.
7. Some of the prospective users of the Database had proposed including the table of contents in the Database. We tried to incorporate this field. However, we found it very time consuming, and it was slowing us down. We therefore decided to eliminate it.
8. Determining enough keywords for disciplines like Science, when members on the project are not scientists.
9. How to insert in new codes/items

#### **SOLUTIONS TO CHALLENGES / PROBLEMS**

1. Participating universities should have a list of names and acronyms of the participating and other African universities.
2. Determining keywords for science theses, members could use some thesauri e.g. AGROVOC, Agricultural thesaurus, to determine the right keywords to use.
3. As for the slow speed of the Scanner, we propose that, if possible, scanners with higher speed should be provided.