National Health System Virtual Library Viability Project (Spain)

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Objectives

- To study the National Health System (NHS) Virtual Library set
- To elaborate the Spanish territory health information resources map.
- To identify the appropriate technological model.
- To identify the documentary services to be offered.
- To identify the more optimum functional, structural model.
- To identify the economic model.

Method

- To create a chart organization for the project's management.
- To organize work groups.
- To elaborate a standardised survey model for the libraries of the autonomous regions.

Results

- Identification of the different Autonomous Region libraries of health models.
- Recommendations for the NHS Virtual Library:
 - Functional, structural model.
 - Technological model.
 - Financial-economic model.

Some datas...

Is there a virtual library?	15	2
Is there a person in charge?	14	3
Does it have own staff?	7	10
Does it coordinate other libraries?	9	8
Does it have a consolidated budget?	13	4
Does it have central procedures and services?	12	5
Does it process and do subscriptions?	9	8
Does it do central licensing?	8	9
Does it have a web page accessible via Internet?	7	8
Regional government e-journal licence	16.84	
Print and e-journals accessible to one or some centers	15.33	
Regional government e-book licence		5.39
E-books accessible to one or some centers	38	
Databases for general access	4	
Databases accessible to one or some centers	40	
Other resources for general access	4	
Other resources accessible to one or some	4	

Journals colective catalogue Institutional repository Document supply service Costumer service Virtual reference service User training	12 5 8 6 4 10	5 12 9 11 13 7
Document supply service Costumer service Virtual reference service	8 6	9 11 13
Costumer service Virtual reference service	6	11
Virtual reference service	4	13
User training	10	7
Virtual library accessible via Internet	11	5
Remote access	6	9
User databases	11	4
Centralized IT service	13	3
Internet access at work	11	5
Content management system	4	12
Link resolver	5	11
Metasearcher	2	14
Web 2.0 personalized	2	14
Journal list	14	2
Online tutorials	3	13
Personal bibliographic manager	9	7

Conclusions

- The fact that the Virtual Library would be an invaluable space for access to quality scientific information, as well as that the minimum services could be offered to every NHS user regardless of geographical situation, is confirmed.
- Accordingly, we thought about three different models to develop the Virtual Library, depending on this initial analysis, which will allow us to establish the most suitable model for the Spanish National Health System, considering its economic, functional and technological recommendations.
- It would be necessary to do a study for the NHS Virtual Library Set Up following the recommendations arising from this Project.

Organization chart

National Commission

Technical Committee

Consultant External Committee

Electronic Resources Group

Services Group

Technological Support Group

Work schedule

Initial phase December 2008	Creation of an internal information system Definition and composition of working groups Elaboration of a structured questionnaire.
Execution phase March 2009	• Data collection.
Analysis phase June 2009	Situation analysis.
Development phase model building October 2009	• Elaboration of models.
Conclusions December 2009	Discussion. SWOT analysis.
Final report January 2010	Presentation of final report.



