



# The Elsevier Foundation: Partnerships in Africa

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## Elsevier Foundation Partnerships in Africa

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## Elsevier Foundation: Who we are



Over the past decade, the Elsevier Foundation has awarded over a 100 grants worth millions of dollars to non-profit organizations focusing on the world's libraries, nurse faculties and women scholars during their early and mid-careers.

Funded by [Elsevier](#), a leading scientific, technical and medical information solutions provider, the Foundation contributes over \$1 million USD a year to non profit organizations. In 2016, we launched new partnership-driven programs to support innovations in health, research in developing countries, diversity in science and technology for development. [www.elsevierfoundation.org](http://www.elsevierfoundation.org)

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## New Scholars 2006 - 2015



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### **New Scholars Program: 10 years, 50 grants, ca \$2.5 million**

The Elsevier Foundation offers a decade of best practice in gender equity programs for academia. New Scholars: grants for family friendly policies, career skills, dual career issues, recognition awards, benchmarking studies, and boosting professional visibility through childcare grants.

# Innovative Libraries in Developing Countries 2006 - 2015



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**Innovative Libraries: 10 years, 50 grants, 2006-2015, over \$2 million**

Working with libraries in developing countries to create research and health capacity; connecting scientists to the global research community and establishing new methodologies for measuring the impact of health information.

## Creating a Collaborative Digital Repository for Ethiopian Academic and Research Institutions 2014 -2017



- \$84,000 grant to ADLSN and CEARL
- June 2014 project launch
- Ethiopian model for evolving the research ecosystem.
- A Collaborative Framework Agreement (MoU) is established.
- Increase discoverability and usage of Ethiopian research
- Foster collaboration nationally & internationally
- Develop a national standard for IR's
- Train a core of librarians to operate IR's and provide info literacy skills to their academic communities.

# CEARL



**ADLSN** | African  
Digital Library  
Support Network

## Building an Ethiopian Repository



The Repository will help Ethiopian researchers make their work more visible,

## 2016 Status of the Ethiopian National Repository



*March 2016  
Project  
Meeting in  
Addis Ababa*

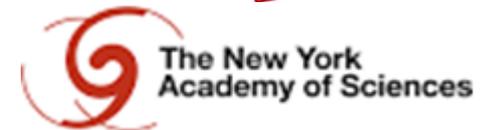
- Project has drastically changed the landscape of institutional repository building in Ethiopia and created a National Digital Repository Model.
- 14 of the 30+ Ethiopian institutions now have IR's. Only 3 institutions had IR's prior to 2014
- Purchase of a high capacity server or “national harvester” which both indexes existing IR's and enables institutions without an IR to upload data directly.
- Harvester successfully incubated at Addis Ababa University, but transfer planned to the Ministry of Education's National Data Center (Ethernet) to promote deeper institutional participation and safeguard project's technical sustainability.
- Remaining budget will be used to advocate with the MoE to ensure the national repositories financial sustainability.

# New Elsevier Foundation African Partnerships

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## Our Programs 2016 - 2018

- **Health:** Establishing a new global health program focus on information technologies and organizations directly engaged in clinical care Partnerships: AMREF, Doctors without Borders, Nurse Faculty Program.
- **Diversity in STM:** Partnerships to advance women in science and underserved youth; Supporting interventions in the STM pipeline. Partnerships: Portia, OWSD, Gender InSITE, Scidev, Imperial College, IMC Weekend School, New York Academy of Science
- **Research in Developing Countries:** Shifting our research capacity building focus from libraries to universities, underscoring our deep investment in building stronger research ecosystems in developing countries. Partnerships: TWAS, Librarians without Borders, **Research without Borders.**
- **Piloting a Tech for Development Program:** Focus on tech oriented awards in our health, diversity and research program areas.



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# Collaborative Agreement with MSF and Epicentre



Elsevier Foundation Grant to support research and training hub in Niger \$300,000, with courtesy access to Elsevier products and services and a pledge to collaborate on MSF's research data management.



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## Building Scientific Publishing in Tanzania



*What is coming out of research in this country is not that adequate. It does not reflect what is being done. We have contributed a lot, especially in the health research arena.*

*... There is a need to build a culture for scientists to publish.*

--**Dr. Leonard Mboera**, Chief Research Scientist and Director of Information Technology and Communication at the National Institute for Medical Research in Tanzania and Editor of the *Tanzanian Journal of Health Research*.



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Strengthening  
Tanzanian Publishing



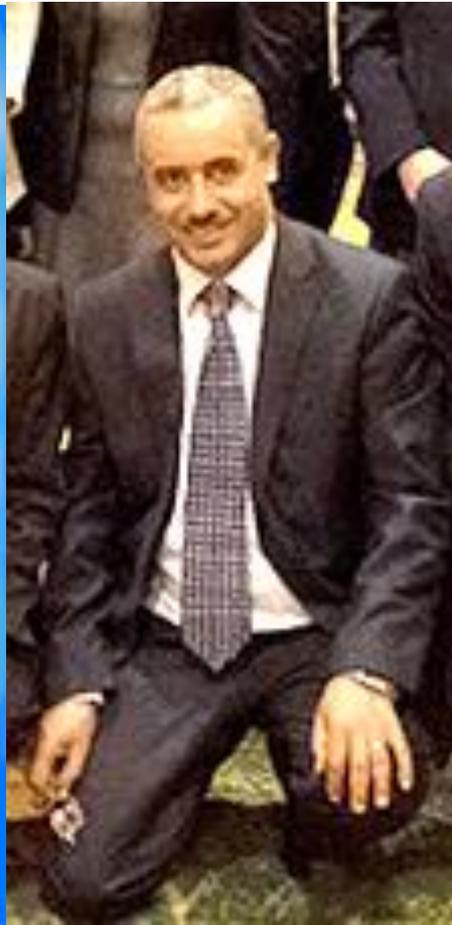
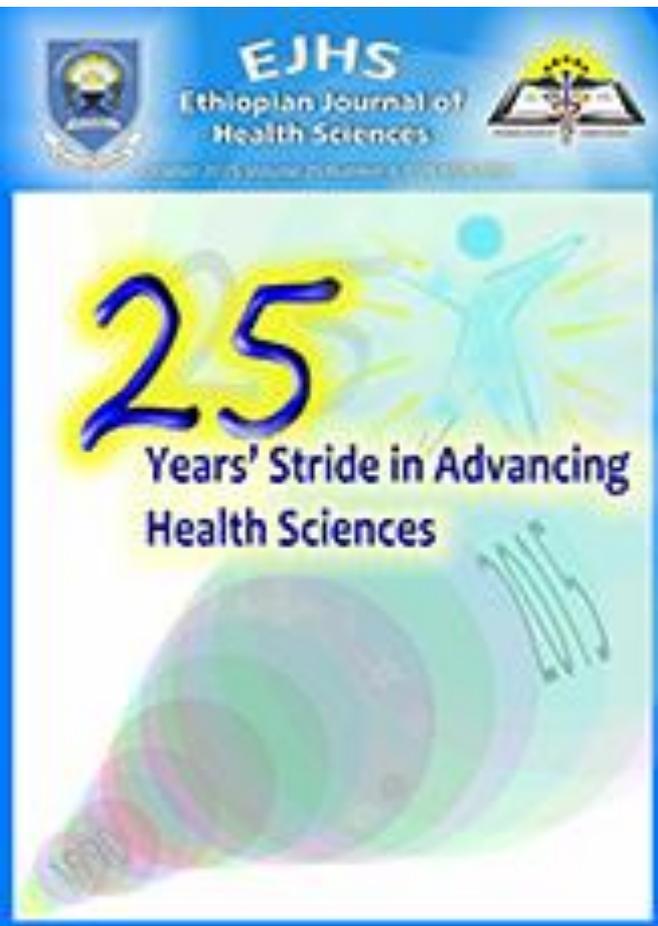
# AJPP

## AFRICAN JOURNAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



- AJPP founded and funded by The National Library of Medicine (NLM) and the NIH's Fogarty International Center in 2004. Administered by the Council of Science Editors.
- 9 African health journals mentored by leading biomedical journals from the US and UK including *the Lancet*.
- Boosts African publishing and increases discoverability of African research within global health community.
- Key partnership achievements: to increase the overall quality of the publishing, submissions, visibility and sustainability of the African journals.
- Elsevier Foundation “Research without Borders” grant for \$204,000 2016 – 2018 to provide capacity building training with Elsevier Publishers.

## The Ethiopian Journal of Health Sciences



**Dr. Abraham Haleimlek,**  
**Editor in Chief of *Ethiopian Journal of Health Sciences* and the *Annals of Internal Medicine***  
(joined in 2008, based at Jimma University.)

*"AJPP has been a catalyst and in a way, it's like an enzymatic reaction — the enzyme doesn't take active part but it is essential for speeding up the reaction."*

Dr. James Tumwine, Editor of the *African Health Sciences Journal*

# Ethiopian Journal of Health Sciences

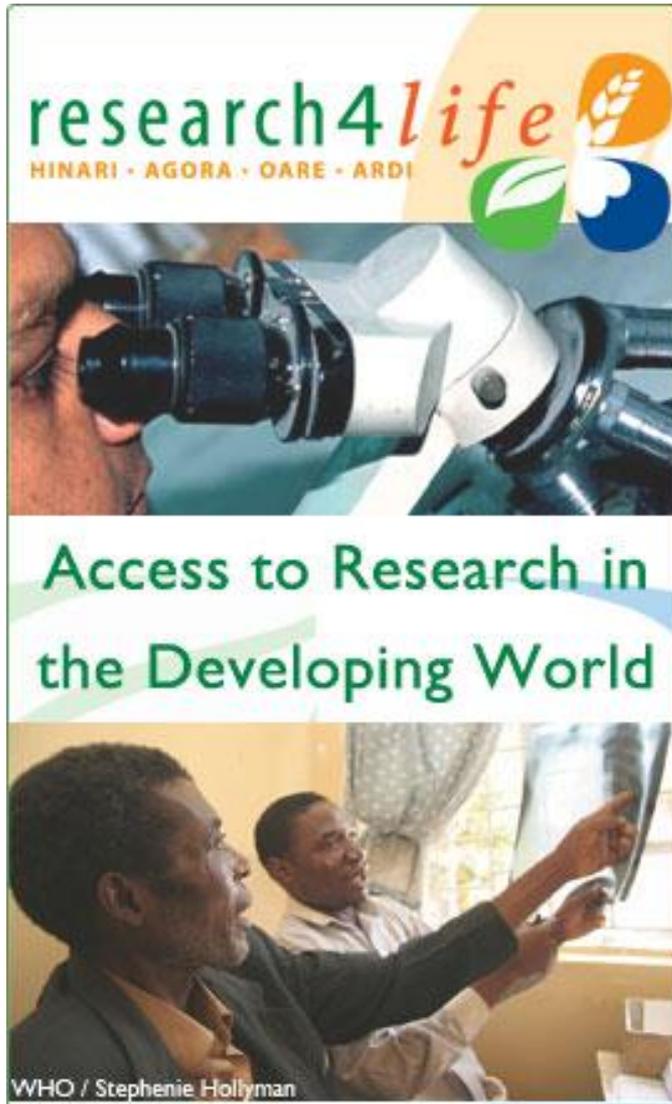
- **Editor:** Dr. Abraham Hailemailak
- **Affiliation:** University of Jimma
- **Team:** Tekle Ferede, Man. Editor
- **Mentor:** *Annals of Internal Medicine*
- **AJPP status:** since 2008
- **Indexed:** Medline
- **Online:** yes
- **Scholar 1:** yes
- **Language:** English



- **Immediate Needs:** Streamlining the article submission process for greater efficiency.
- **Key Challenges:** Creating a business plan for a self sustaining open access journal; Indexing the journal in Web of Science and Scopus: Create a roadmap to reach that goal.
- **Training Needs:** Specialized health experts preferred but experienced publishers also fine. Train the trainer weekly trainings together with the health science librarian (Asaye Berhanu). In terms of training topics, Literature searching and tools for managing searches and articles, peer review, and altmetrics. Also offer a larger regional workshop in these areas. Work together to craft both a business and marketing plan to implement journal content email alerts and social media, and conduct reader surveys.
- **Volunteer Type:** Elsevier Publisher, Ilaria Meliconi
- **Volunteer Timing:** Nov - Feb (also the driest months). Ilaria to spend January in Jimma.  
**Volunteer Location:** Jimma University, Medical School Campus (Jimma is 35 min by plane from Addis Ababa or a 4 hour drive).
- **Volunteer stay:** Honeyland Hotel, Jimma Central Hotel both near the campus.

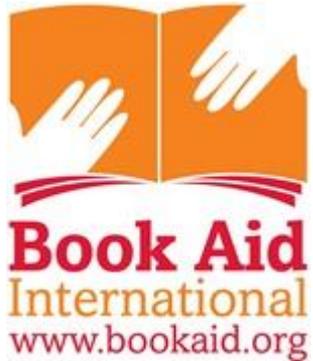
# A few other Elsevier initiatives

## Research4Life



- Research4Life is a public private partnership with the FAO, WHO, UNEP and WIPO to provide access to research in developing countries
- We are a founding and driving partner, providing 25% of the 70,000 peer reviewed resources with ScienceDirect, Scopus and Mendeley. 5m downloads from ScienceDirect In 2015.
- Since 2008, the Elsevier Foundation has supported over \$500,000 in R4L training grants to boost the usage by scientists and doctors in developing countries.

# Book Aid International



- Book Aid Partnership since 2004.
- Elsevier Foundation building health corners in Kenyan public libraries
- Book Aid targets new book donations across 12 African countries.
- 23,000 books donated by Elsevier to African hospitals and universities in 2015.



# Elsevier Resource Center on Global Epidemics: EBOLA



Elsevier’s free health and medical research, online tools and expert advice on Ebola; continuously updated throughout the epidemic. Includes a free 30-minute online course to prepare nurses to safely care for affected patients: [\*Ebola: What You Need to Know.\*](#)

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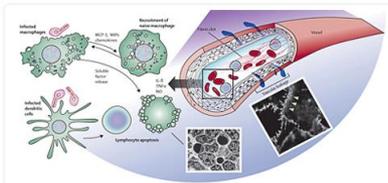
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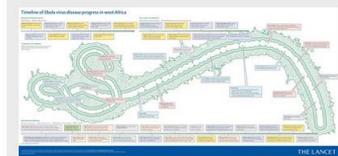
#### Focus



**Ebola—lessons learned:** Authors from Harvard’s Global Health Institute and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine outline 10 proposals to help prevent future health catastrophes, based on experiences from the 2014-15 Ebola outbreak in west Africa.



#### Timeline infographic



**Timeline of Ebola virus disease progress in west Africa**  
*The Lancet*  
 Published online: May 7, 2015

#### WORLD REPORT

**Expert panel slams WHO’s poor showing against Ebola**  
 John Maurice  
*The Lancet*, Vol. 386, No. 9990, e1  
 Published: July 13, 2015  
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