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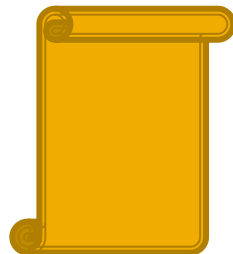
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# **The Algerian PhD students and Researchers Facing Constraints with Grey Literature: the Case of Theses.**

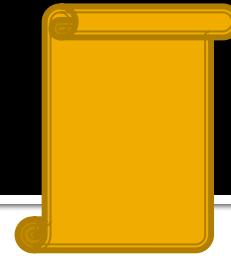
# Introduction

 Scientific research in Algeria 

- Efforts made: Information available via printed documents and various data-bases
- but**
- A lot of constraints to access grey literature.



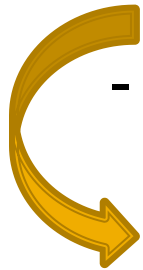
# Research in Algeria



## Constraints



- No information about topics treated by peers
- Difficulties to have access to theses
- To reach a desired thesis, students and researchers face distance, time and money constraints



Delays in completing research



# CERIST in Algeria

(Research Center for Scientific and Technical Information)

A good initiative



Creation of PNST

(The National Portal for Recording Theses)



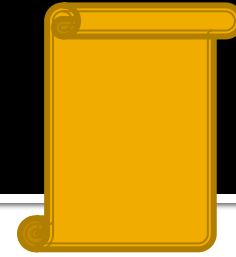
A helpful instrument for  
PhD students and researchers

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## CERIST - Algiers

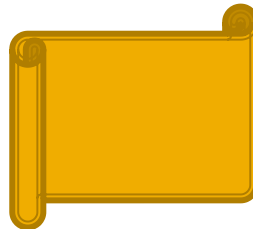


The screenshot shows the homepage of CERIST (Centre de Recherche sur l'Information Scientifique et Technique). The browser address bar displays "www.cerist.dz/index.php/?v=" and the search bar contains "Rechercher". The main header features the CERIST logo on the left and a blue navigation bar with the text "CENTRE DE RECHERCHE SUR L'INFORMATION SCIENTIFIQUE ET TECHNIQUE" and links for "MESRS | DGRSDT | CERIST". Below the header is a secondary navigation menu with links for "Accueil", "A propos du CERIST", "R & D", "Services", "Production scientifique", and "Contact". The main content area is divided into two sections: "Portails" and "News". The "Portails" section highlights "SNDL" (Système National de Documentation en Ligne) with a sub-header "Le SNDL vous permet l'accès à une documentation électronique nationale et internationale, locale et à distance." and a "Se connecter" button. The "News" section lists three upcoming events: "13ÈME COLLOQUE AFRICAÏN SUR LA RECHERCHE EN INFORMATIQUE...", "5ÈME COLLOQUE INTERNATIONAL ISKO-MAGHREB 'ORGANISATION DE LA CONNAISSANCE...'", and "THIRD WORKSHOP SOCIAL WEB INTELLIGENCE (WOSWI) SINGAPORE...". The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the system clock as 01:05 on 11/06/2013.



## A central catalog

- a. For registering Algerian research topics accepted by University Scientific Councils
- b. For Magister and Ph.D theses in all disciplines
- c. For visibility of Algerian research



# Methodology

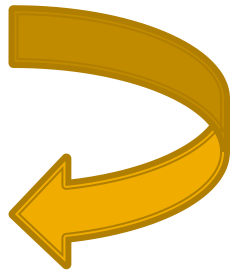


- A qualitative study
- A survey led at the universities of the East of Algeria
- The questionnaire as an instrument for collecting data
- A sample of 100 PhD students



# Methodology

## Research objective



A survey was led upon PhD students to evaluate the efficiency of the portal(PNST)



# Results of the study



## The portal: some positive results



- 100% of PhD students: informed about the portal.
- 60 % of PhD students : appreciated the usefulness of the portal
- 65 % of PhD students recognized its important role in developing scientific research.



# Results of the study

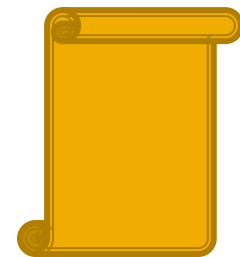
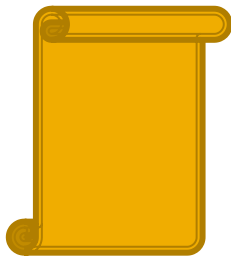
## The portal: A lot of limits

- Modest frequency of use of the portal by PhD students.
- Difficult collaboration between universities libraries & the CERIST(center responsible for the establishment of PNST)
- The « guide » for surfing through the portal is not appreciated because it is introduced just in French.
- Several links on the portal are not activated.
- Difficulties to accede to theses in full-text.
- Weak Internet connexion.
- a lot of PhD students forget their 'personal account'.

# Conclusion



Research can be enriched and promoted when it is fed with academic studies that are often unpublished, but sometimes very useful and valuable



The end

**Thank you very much for your  
attention**

