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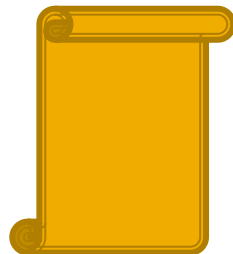
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The Algerian PhD students and Researchers Facing Constraints with Grey Literature: the Case of Theses.

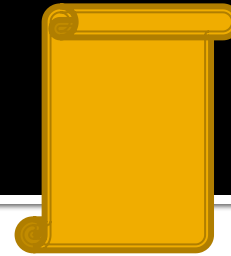
Introduction

 Scientific research in Algeria 

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



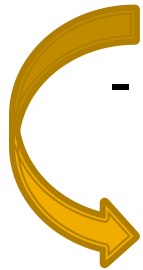
Research in Algeria



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)

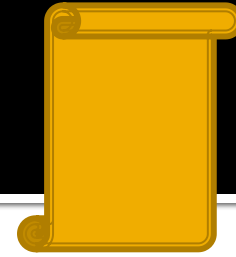


A helpful instrument for
PhD students and researchers

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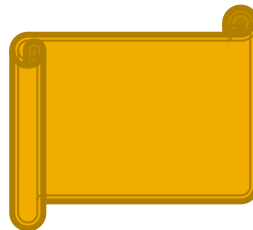
CERIST - Algiers

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/?/'. The page features the CERIST logo on the left and a dark blue header with the text 'CENTRE DE RECHERCHE SUR L'INFORMATION SCIENTIFIQUE ET TECHNIQUE'. Below the header is a 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 graphic of a computer mouse and books. The 'News' section lists three upcoming events: '13ÈME COLLOQUE AFRICAIN 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



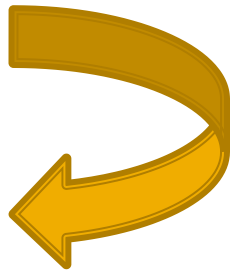
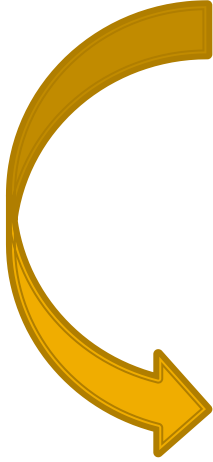
Methodology



- 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

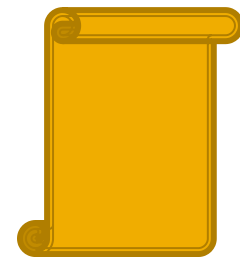
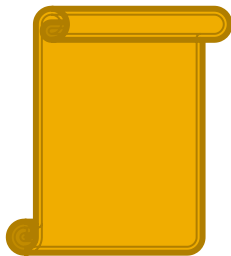
The portal: A lot of limits

- 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**

