

QATAR NATIONAL RESEARCH FUND LAUNCHES NEW SEARCHABLE DATABASE WITH QATAR NATIONAL LIBRARY

New Initiative Provides User-Friendly Portal for Accessing Published Research Outcomes

Doha, Qatar, 27 September 2016 – Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF) has teamed up with Qatar National Library (QNL) to bring the outcomes of QNRF-funded research more into the public domain.

This joint initiative takes the form of an advanced online, searchable database that allows users to search for, or browse, any published outcome of QNRF-funded research projects.

Students and researchers searching QNRF database entries are linked to the full text of the publications via QNL subscriptions and can gain instant access from Qatar Foundation or Qatar University networks, with access from other networks requiring a QNL registration.

"This initiative not only provides another valuable insight into the ongoing digital revolution taking place in libraries, but is tangible evidence of QNRF's forward-looking core business strategy, which includes the dissemination of research outcomes," said Dr Abdul Sattar AlTaie, Executive Director, QNRF.

"It also provides us with an interesting insight into how collaborations can work costeffectively at an operational level within Qatar Foundation, as it allows the public to easily access first-hand knowledge from renowned faculty and researchers worldwide. It represents a key element of our mission to keep everyone fully informed of the outcomes of QNRF-funded research."

Haytham Ali, Manager of Information Technology, QNRF, explained that more than 2,500 publications from more than 500 QNRF-funded projects have so far been added to the database, saying: "Users can now gain instant access at any time, from any device. This is a great example of using the advanced infrastructure we have created to benefit both researchers and the public."

"Using our advanced IT systems to share the completed outcomes of the research, either through QNRF's or QNL's websites, gives both the public and members of the research community the freedom to share in the growing success of Qatar's mission to become a knowledge-based society," said Dr Claudia Lux, Executive Director, QNL.

"QNL continuously seeks to promote collaboration to further our mission in spreading knowledge, and providing resources that meet the information needs of our society. We are

proud to collaborate with QNRF to further research development and establish research links with a resourceful and exemplary institution," said Dr Lux.

Through the collaboration, QNRF, part of Qatar Foundation Research & Development (QF R&D), and QNL – both members of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF) – aim to support innovative and high-quality research initiatives that advance the dissemination of knowledge to all members of the community.

The online portal is now live, and students and QNL patrons can access it by visiting http://ediscovery.qnl.qa/qnrf/home

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About Qatar Foundation Research and Development (QF R&D)

Qatar Foundation Research and Development (QF R&D) is charged with the Qatar National Research Strategy, dedicated to making Qatar a leading center for research and development excellence and innovation. QF R&D is home to Qatar National Research Fund, a leading scientific research funding organization, and Qatar Science & Technology Park, an international hub for technology innovation and commercialization.

For more information, visit: http://www.qfrd.org/

About Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF)

Driven by the aim of fostering a culture of research in Qatar, QNRF was established in 2006 to advance knowledge and education by acting as a support system for researchers. It is a member within the Research & Development establishment at Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development.

QNRF administers funding for original, competitively selected research and furthers collaborations within academia, the public, private, governmental and non-governmental sectors through effective, mutually beneficial partnerships. While QNRF actively seeks internationally recognised researchers, it is dedicated to funding research that meets the needs of Qatar. For more information, visit: www.qnrf.org

Qatar National Library – Bridging with knowledge Qatar's and the Arab and Islamic world's heritage and future.

Qatar National Library (QNL) is a non-profit organisation under the umbrella of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF). QNL is supporting Qatar on its journey from a carbon-based economy to knowledge-based economy by providing resources to students, researchers, and the community in Qatar. It was announced in November 2012 by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development.

QNL carries out its mission through three functions: National Library, University and Research Library, and a Metropolitan Public Library of the digital age. The National Library

function collects and provides access to global knowledge relevant to Qatar and the region. It also collects, preserves, and provides access to heritage content and materials about Qatar and the region. The University and Research Library function supports education and research at all levels by providing printed and digital library materials for students and researchers. Metropolitan Public Library delivers library services and information for everyone to enjoy reading, meet people, and become information literate.

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