

Aside from payment: the experience of acquisition and mutual use of resources in the Belarus Agricultural Library

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Introduction

- I.S. Lupinovich Belarus Agricultural Library of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus (BelAL) is a national scientific agricultural library with the national repository of agriculture and forestry literature
- BelAL directs its activities to the information support for research and development in the field of agricultural sciences and agro-industrial complex of the country
- BelAL providing every resident of Belarus with open access to national and international information resources on agriculture and related industries

Ways of acquiring information resources in BelAL

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| paid | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •acquired databases •periodical subscription •purchase of non-periodicals •paid services of another information centres |
| free of charge | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •compulsory free copy •departmental copy •donation •open access resources |
| partnership | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •international document exchange •FAO depository •interlibrary loan •AGLINET |

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BelAL collection development on a cost-free basis*

- legal deposit
- publications of the Department of Agrarian Sciences of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus
- international book exchange
- publications of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

*Under free sources of acquisition we understand the sources that do not include payment for a document or for access to information, but may include related expenses (for example, postal services).

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National scientific resources

- mandatory free copies of documents
- free copies of printed publications of the Department of Agrarian Sciences of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus

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Foreign scientific publications

- International book exchange
- FAO publications

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Use of OA resources

On the BelAL website some OA Internet resources are grouped into sections for more user-friendly navigation:

- Databases
- Dissertations and Theses
- Research and Development Projects
- Rare Publications

Resource sharing and document delivery

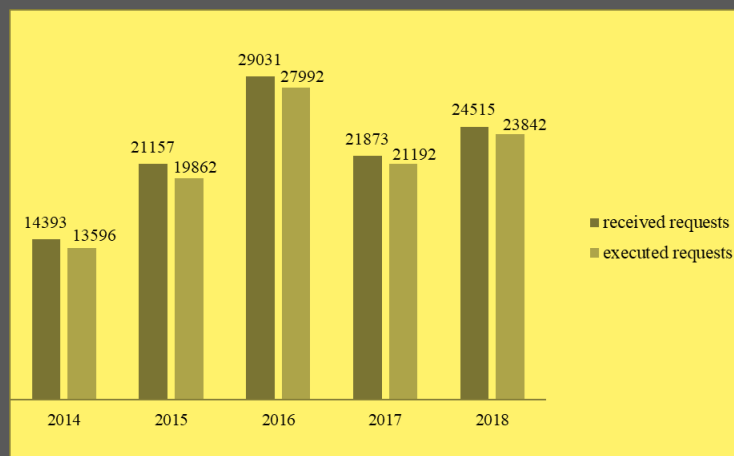
- interlibrary loan
- AGLINET – World Network of Agricultural Libraries

BelAL is a member of AGLINET

- AGLINET was founded in Rome in November, 1971
- AGLINET has its coordination centre – David Lubin FAO Memorial Library in Italy
- today AGLINET has 68 members from 56 countries
- BelAL joining AGLINET in 1995
- BelAL has established partnership with more than 40 libraries and information centres
- > 1 thousand Belorussian publications a year are requested by AGLINET members

Resource sharing and document delivery

Efficiency of executing remote user requests for delivery of full-text documents



Conclusion

- Free mandatory and departmental copies of documents allow the most complete BelAL collection development with national scientific resources
- International document exchange contributes to replenishment of collection with foreign book publications, which are not always available even for a fee
- FAO documents provide information on research for sustainable development from around the world
- OA resources supplement of BelAL collection
- Interlibrary loan and resource sharing allow to receive information, which absent in BelAL collection.

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