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CAB ACCESS and Current Awareness on the Internet

CAB ABSTRACTS from CABI INTERNATIONAL is the largest professionally-produced database covering international issues in agriculture, forestry and allied disciplines. The entire database is available from SilverPlatter Information on CD-ROM or over the Internet, under the name CABCD. CABCD provides access to the most comprehensive international agricultural database in the world in an easy-to-use, cost-effective format.

Compiled by CAB INTERNATIONAL, the database contains over 3 million records from over 10,000 journals, books, conference reports and other kinds of literature published internationally. More than 160,000 new records are added each year. Subjects covered include animal and crop husbandry, animal and plant breeding, plant protection, genetics, forestry engineering, economics, veterinary medicine, human nutrition, and rural development. Crop production accounts for about 30% of the records on the database, followed by veterinary sciences and human health at 24%, the animal sciences at 13% and crop protection also at 13%. The other areas make up the remaining 20%.

Coverage is from 1973 to the present, with abstracts in English prepared from papers originally published in many different languages. Indeed, a major strength of CABCD is its international coverage. Articles for inclusion are selected from original material collected from all around the world and published in more than 75 languages. CABCD is updated on a quarterly basis, and provides a complete retrospective archive of everything published in the field.

SilverPlatter also offers the CAB SPECTRUM databases, a series of 12 subject-specific subsets of CABCD. All records in the SPECTRUM CDs are to be found in CABCD except for the pre-1973 TREECD citations.

CAB ACCESS is an exciting weekly current awareness service for agriculture and biosciences launched in mid-1995 by SilverPlatter Information and CAB INTERNATIONAL. It is available exclusively over the Internet using SilverPlatter's innovative client/server technology ERL. CAB ACCESS combines the authority of CAB INTERNATIONAL with SilverPlatter's ERL (Electronic Reference Library) network technology to provide unique access to the world's major agricultural research literature. A totally up-to-date „front end“ to the CAB ABSTRACTS database, CAB ACCESS is the perfect complement to CABCD or individual CAB SPECTRUM titles.

The CAB ACCESS database includes thirty-three broad subject categories, ranging from agricultural economics to zoology, and including dairy science, mycology, soil and water resources, biotechnology and genetics. CAB ACCESS contains the top 1,300 core journals from 40 countries scanned for CAB ABSTRACTS cover-to-cover, with approximately 1,800 new references each week. Although the majority of journals are English language, foreign language journals are also included in English. Records can be searched by author, journal, keyword, year or subject category, and can be browsed on-screen or downloaded for future

use. Author keywords and title words are enhanced with preferred terms from the CAB Thesaurus, ensuring that searching CAB ACCESS is easy and efficient.

Unlike CABCD, CAB ACCESS contains bibliographic records only, and can thus be updated on a weekly basis. The records become available within a week of CABI receiving the primary journal, and thanks to SilverPlatter's new Quickdata Internet update service, customers automatically receive the current data mere days later.

CAB ACCESS is available exclusively over the Internet from SilverPlatter Information. CAB ACCESS from SilverPlatter is available at a fixed price for unlimited simultaneous user access when used locally on a LAN or remotely via the Internet. In addition, there is a special package price for subscriptions to both CABCD and CAB ACCESS on the Internet. Free 30-day trials of CABCD and CAB ACCESS are available from SilverPlatter Information. Contact your local distributor for more information.

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CAB ABSTRACTS, the CAB SPECTRUM databases and CAB ACCESS are compiled by a division of CABI, CABI Information, an international center for the collection, organization and dissemination of information on the above-mentioned topics.

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