

Science at the British Library

A Welcome and Introduction

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The British Library – a few facts

British Library Act 1972

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The Science, Technology and Medicine Team

Two depth areas: biomedical & environmental sciences

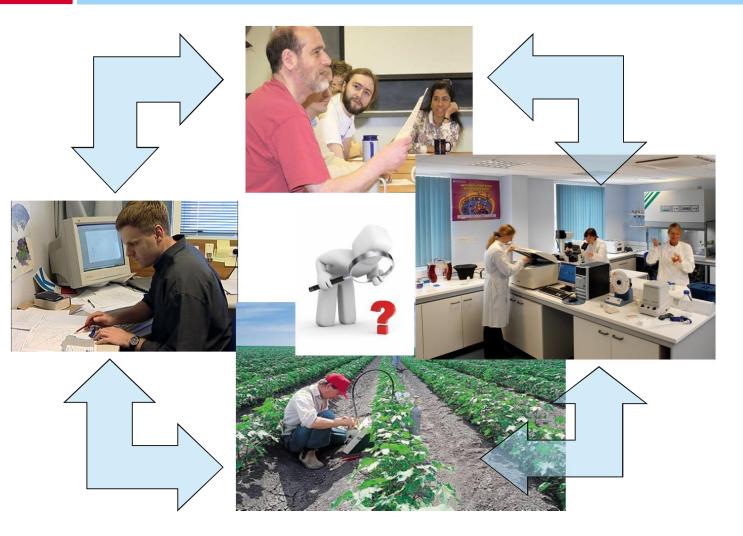
Who:

Backgrounds in scientific research, policy, information, and data management

What:

- Understanding scientists & their research: practices, trends, unmet needs and drivers for change
- Stakeholder engagement, partnership building and collaborative working
- Evolving STM information and data services to meet needs of contemporary research

I do my research...







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- Dryad: UK repository of ecology and evolution biology journal articles directly linked to underlying datasets
- **UK PubMed Central**: free access to 23 million abstracts, 1.8 million full text articles, patents, clinical guidelines, and research reports in bioscience
- Research Information Centre: a virtual research environment for bioscientists being developed in partnership with Microsoft













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