



# RRI Library and NKRC Consortia

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## Abstract

Financial resource is a great cause of concern in these days of shrinking budget, cost escalation and information explosion for any given library. Consortia are a boon to librarians in the digital environment enhancing the power of online access to a variety of information resources. CSIR e-journal consortium started in the year 2002. DST funded autonomous organizations joined this consortia in April 2009. This CSIR- DST consortium was renamed as "National Knowledge Resource Consortium (NKRC)". Since RRI is a DST funded autonomous organization, RRI library has become a major player in this consortium activity. This poster discusses the functionality of NKRC Consortia with respect to Raman Research Institute. A projection of relevant journal titles for the research at RRI is a part of this presentation.

## Introduction

Consortium is a Latin word, meaning 'partnership, association or society' and derives from *consors* 'partner' itself from *con-* 'together' *sors* 'fate', meaning *owner* of means or comrade. The concept of Consortia has been in vogue in Library profession for quite some time. It has taken firm root in Librarianship due to evolution and revolution of "Digital Information".

Library consortia is not a new phenomena. Its origin can be attributed to "Library cooperation" or Library Resource Sharing" activities of 1960s and 1970s.

In addition to participating libraries, consortia encompasses another entity and that is the "publisher". They have a major role to play acting as intermediaries amongst participating libraries bringing them together into a fold to get into consortium agreement.

Depending on various factors such as disciplines, funding agencies and types of libraries such as research/special libraries etc. , consortia are formed . Some of the few important Indian consortia initiatives are:

- INDEST-AICTE Consortium (Govt.-funded)
- CSIR-DST - NKRC Consortium (Govt.-funded)
- UGC Infonet Consortium (Govt.-funded)
- DAE Consortium (Govt.-funded)
- MCIT Consortium (Govt.-funded)
- IIM Libraries Consortium

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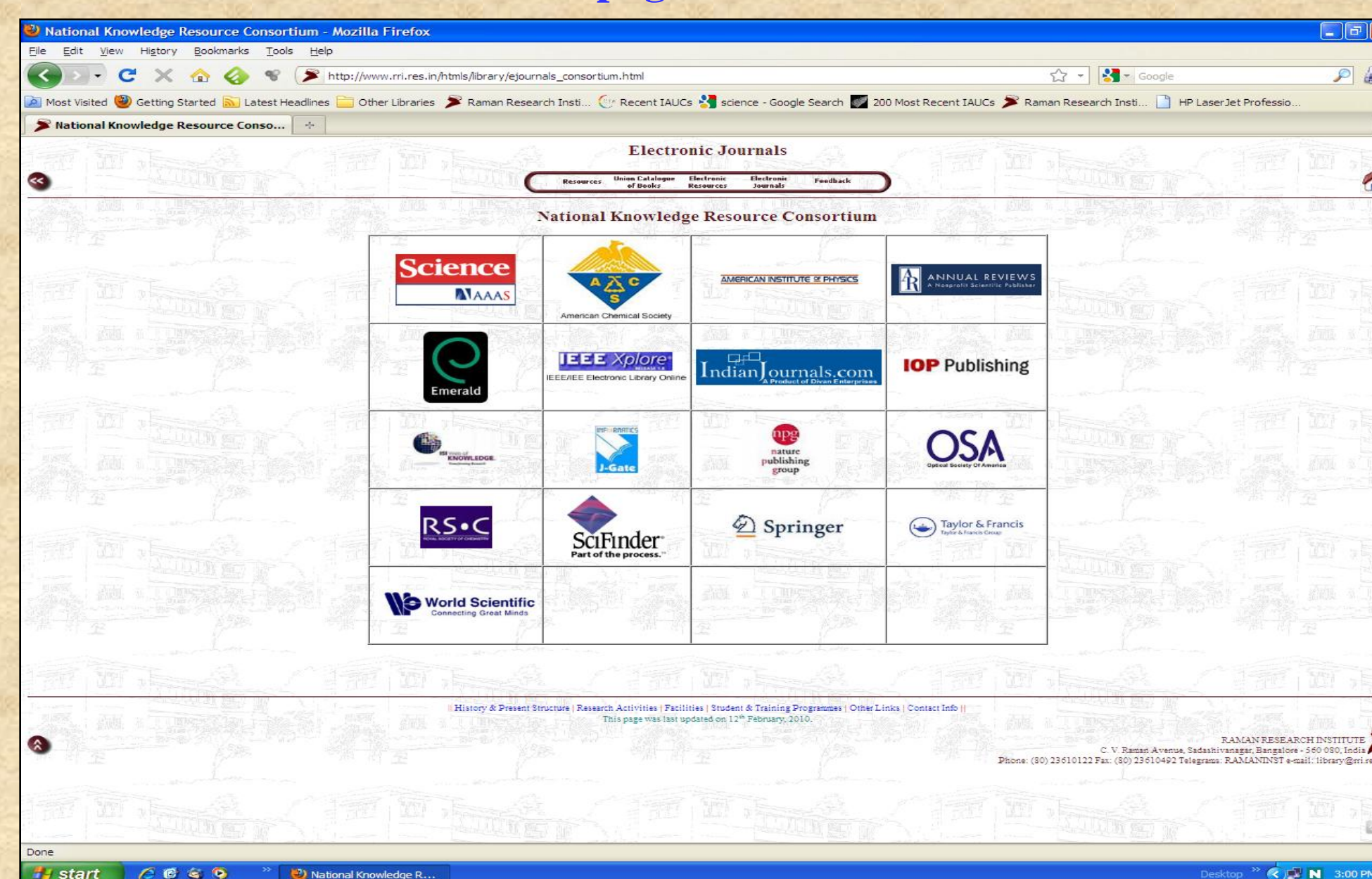
## Stake Holders of NKRC

Participant Libraries		Participatory Publishers	17
CSIR Labs	39	No. of e- Journals accessible	4000
DST Institutions	17	No. of Databases accessible	4

## NKRC HOMEPAGE



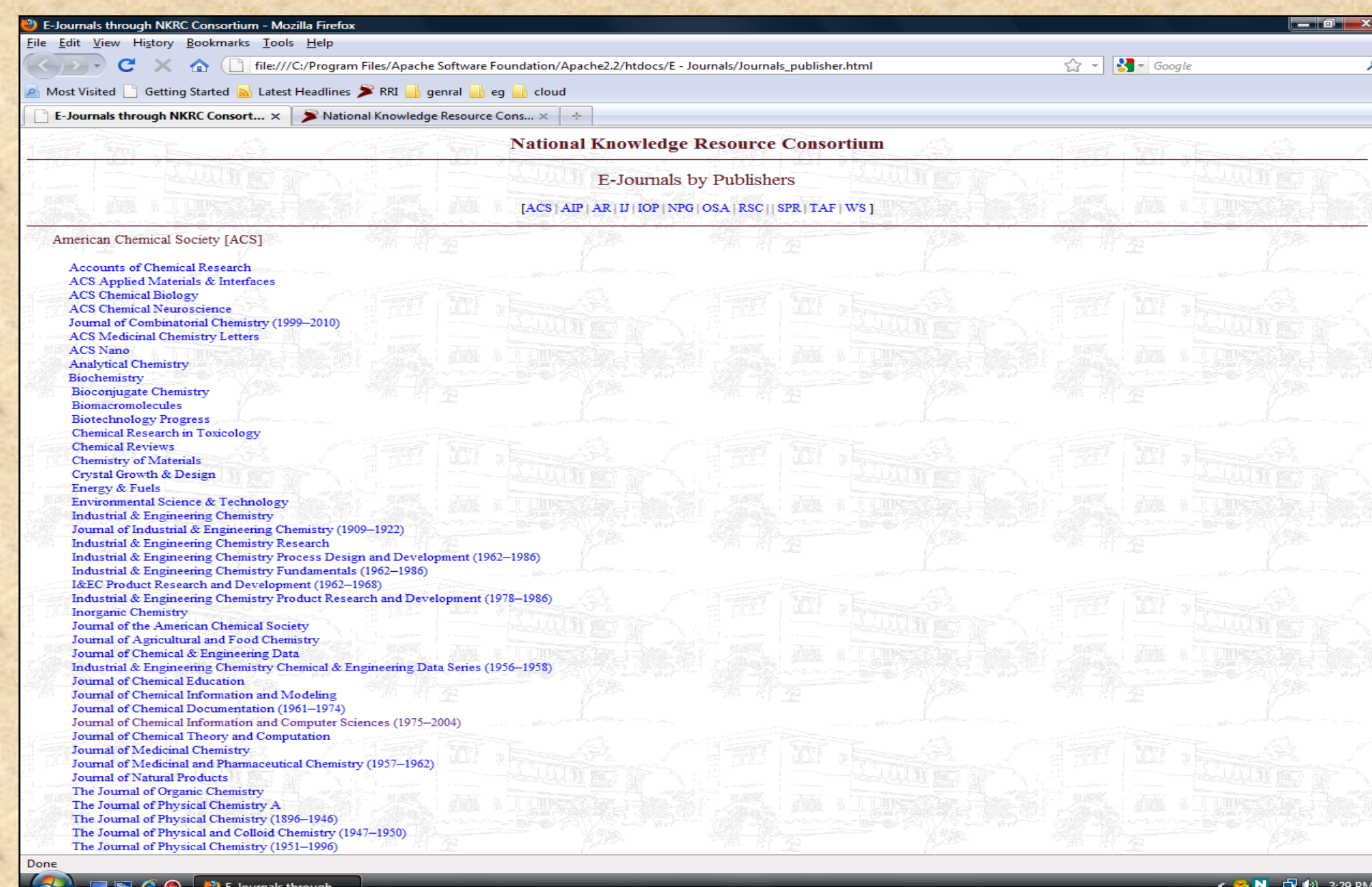
## RRI webpage of NKRC



## Publishers accessible at RRI

- Optical Society of America
- Oxford University Press
- Royal Society of Chemistry
- Sci-Finder
- Springer
- Taylor and Francis
- Web of Science & DII
- Wiley-Blackwell
- World Scientific Publishing

## List of relevant e-journals from NKRC to RRI



## Inference on Usability of NKRC

It has been observed that out of 4000 journals available through NKRC, around 600 journals are useful to RRI Library.

The usefulness is not decided by usage statistics but on the basis of content of the journal.

Since NKRC is barely three years old, it is too early to analyze usage statistics and its benefits to RRI users.

In the coming years based on citation analysis of the papers published by RRI scientists and students, we can best ascertain the benefits of NKRC.