

How to Login

- For **fully personalized services** login with the same personal user ID and password that you use to access the MPG/OVID server.
- Max Planck users not yet registered may fill out the **online application form** at <http://lotus1.gwdg.de/gwdgdb/DBServ.nsf/Antrag> in order to obtain their personal user ID and password.
- Alternatively, **IP-controlled access** is also possible. If you are at a Max Planck site, you may simply activate the login button without entering a user name and password. This form of access does not allow personalized services. It is, however, a sufficient option for short-term guests, or walk-in users.
- Guest access also works outside Max Planck IP ranges. But please be aware that this mode of access will give you only limited access rights.

Remote Access

When logging in with their personal user-ID and password, registered users can access and use VLib services also from outside Max Planck sites, e.g. from their home or when travelling.

A Collaborative Effort

The **Max Planck Virtual Library** is a collaborative effort of various groups within the Max Planck Society involved in library and information services. It is being developed and maintained by the **VLib Project Team**, bringing together representatives from units such as the ZIM, the General Administration, the Max Planck Libraries, the Information Retrieval Services, (<http://www.biochem.mpg.de/iv/> and <http://www.mpi-stuttgart.mpg.de/ivs/IVS.html>), and the GWDG (<http://www.gwdg.de/>).

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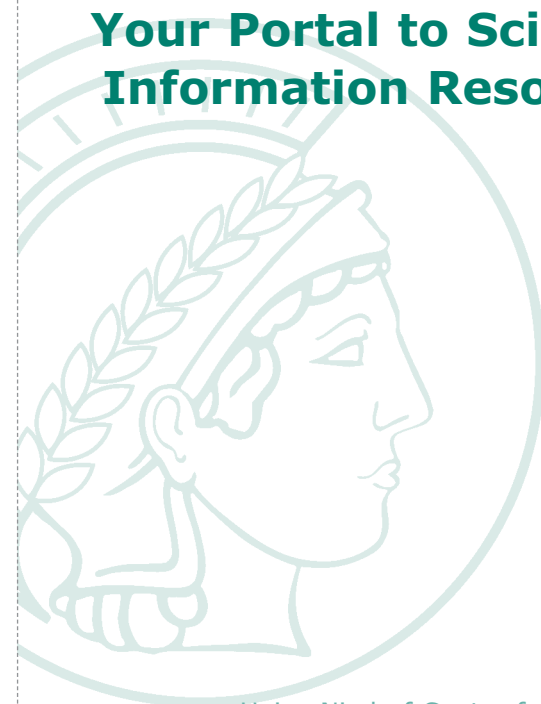


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Max Planck Virtual Library

Your Portal to Scientific Information Resources



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Introduction

The Max Planck Virtual Library (VLib) is a portal to various information resources available to staff and guests of the Max Planck Society (MPG).

It provides an easy access to numerous library catalogs, reference or factual databases, electronic full texts and other resources for scientific information that are owned or licensed by the MPG, or selected resources freely available on the web.

Users within the Max Planck Society may:

- search library catalogs and databases simultaneously (common interface)
- access and search resources individually under their original interfaces
- look for relevant journals in your research area
- create a personal resources list
- use the **MPG SFX** button to locate the full text (if available) or other relevant resources
- save, e-mail or download search results
- rerun saved queries

Select your Resources

The first step in using VLib is to select the information resource(s) you wish to search. You may define groups of possibly relevant resources according to their subject area(s), their type, their name, or other criteria. Resource descriptions may be viewed to help in selecting the resources to be used for searching.

Searching

The Max Planck Virtual Library search screen:

Type	Resource Name
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reference Database Aerospace + High Tech (CSA)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reference Database AIDS + Cancer Abstracts (CSA)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reference Work Annual Reviews
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reference Database ASFA Aquatic Sciences (CSA)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reference Database Biological Sciences (CSA)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reference Database Biology Digest (CSA)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Subject Gateway BiologyBrowse
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reference Database BioNetbook
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reference Database Bioss 1970-1992 (Ovid)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reference Database Bioss 1993-present (Ovid)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reference Database Bioss Previews (Wol)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reference Database Biotech Abstracts (CSA)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Factual Database Bowker's Books In Print (Ovid)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	abnrg Server CogPrints
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reference Database Conference Papers Index (CSA)

The VLib search screen allows you to define and combine your search terms and to select the resource(s) in which they are to be searched using the VLib interface. The search is initiated by clicking the **search** button.

Alternatively, you may access and search a resource under its respective original interface, by simply clicking

Results Display

After submitting a search, the results are retrieved from the selected resources. When the search is completed, the following display options are available:

- Search Hits: gives the number of hits in each resource searched
- Results List: shows complete list of hits for one resource
- Full View: by clicking **more** the full bibliographic record of the item can be viewed.

Additional Features

- Merging results
- Refining searches
- Search history
- Save records as a file on your PC
- Direct export of records (e.g. to EndNote)
- Send a records list via e-mail
- Add selected records to your personal basket
- Personal profile (My Account)
- SFX -- Context Sensitive Reference Linking

VLib Help

A context sensitive help as well as "Frequently Asked Questions" and various forms for user feedback are available throughout VLib.