



Key benefits to a library and its users in joining Nereus

1. **Added-value service provision**

- Help to create and influence the development of a major international subject-based digital library
- Offer your researchers and students time-saving and added-value services by bringing universities of excellence together to create them together with its users
- Bring new and unique content to the desktop of your user, e.g. the academic output of leading economists, a collection of world working papers of the world's leading economics research institutions, as well as new licensed and unlicensed content.
- Develop further personalized services

2. **Europe-wide library co-operation for cost-effectiveness**

- Pool expertise and avoid duplication of effort, e.g. for institutional repository development, metadata creation for indexing individual working papers
- Be part of a prospective buying consortium whereby specialised resources not part of national deals can be negotiated on behalf of the researcher at lower prices
- Have access to material benefits such as: free access to IBSS Online (normally over 2000 euros); discounted international document delivery service.

3. **Europe-wide co-operation for library development and innovation**

- Learn of state-of-the-art developments in Europe
- Influence the quality, coverage, accessibility, copyright and licensing issues of commercial or other information providers on an international level
- Exchange knowledge amongst peers
- Deal with common challenges collectively
- Co-operate in bids for international funding for the further development of added-value services
- Contribute to the creation/adoption of international standards for description and retrieval of resources across Europe

4. Personnel development

- Opportunity for them to exchange experience with, and adopt best practice from, other librarians at meetings, workshops¹ and by going on staff exchanges within the network.
- Opportunity for them to contribute to discussions and decisions surrounding portal technology, management of online access (authentication, authorisation, personalisation), content selection, metadata and thesaurus creation, and delivery to users

5. Increase the profile of your library, university and its research output

- Gain a high profile/reputation for your library by virtue of being in an alliance of international universities of high repute.
- Showcase the research output of your institution's economics researchers (e.g. via your institutional archives and databases of working papers and pre-prints) alongside other excellent European research
- Showcase PhD student output, thereby assisting them in building networks and the dissemination of their work

¹ LSE is hosting a Data Library and Supporting Researchers workshop in its data lab in autumn 2005 exclusively to Nereus members.