How to create an OvidSP Scientific Production Alert for your Customers

This document provides hints and suggestions about how to guide customers to create different variations of Expert Searches. This functionality would promote and drive OvidSP usage by offering wide range of different options:

- Create an Ovid Scientific Production repository for Consortia and large Institutions
- Have available Geographic filters for customised results limits
- Expand Expert Searches and Ovid searching tools features

This tool would allow Ovid users to limit their searches to results published or sponsored by Institutions from an specific region. The searching terms will be using either the .in (Institution) field for Databases or .bt (Byline Text) for Journals@Ovid database.

Suggested procedure:

1. Ask the customer for the list of terms (Institution names or entities) to be included within the search strategy

   Example, list for Scotland:

   NHS Ayrshire
   NHS Greater Glasgow
   NHS Highland
   NHS Lanarkshire
   NHS Lothian
   NHS Orkney
   NHS Shetland
   NHS Tayside
   NHS Western Isles
   NHS Education for Scotland
   NHS Health Scotland
   NHS National Services Scotland
   NHS National Waiting Times Centre
   NHS Scotland
   University of Aberdeen
   Bute Medical School
   Dundee Medical School
   University of Edinburgh
   University of Glasgow
   Glasgow Medical School
   University of Dundee

2. Add to each term the field .in (Institution) for Databases or .bt (Byline Text) for Journals and add the boolean operator “OR”

   NHS Ayrshire.in OR NHS Greater Glasgow.in OR NHS Highland.in OR NHS Lanarkshire.in OR NHS Lothian.in OR NHS Orkney.in OR NHS Shetland.in OR NHS Tayside.in OR NHS Western Isles.in OR NHS Education for Scotland.in OR NHS Health Scotland.in OR NHS National Services Scotland.in OR NHS National Waiting Times Centre.in OR NHS Scotland.in OR University of Aberdeen.in OR Bute Medical School.in OR Dundee Medical School.in OR University of Edinburgh.in OR University of Glasgow.in OR Glasgow Medical School.in OR University of Dundee.in

Note: make sure to check for exceptions and gaps, for instance: Wales NOT New South Wales NOT Australia
3. Add the Jumpstart URL root, including the database(s) you’d like the search to be retrieving results from (mesz, emez, ovft, etc...)


4. The result Jumpstart, for this example, Scotland Scientific Ovid production, retrieving results from all Ovid Journals, MEDLINE and EMBASE should be like this below:

http://ovidsp.ovid.com/ovidweb.cgi?T=JS&PAGE=main&D=mesz,ovft,emez&SEARCH=NHS Ayrshire.in OR NHS Greater Glasgow.in OR NHS Highland.in OR NHS Lanarkshire.in OR NHS Lothian.in OR NHS Orkney.in OR NHS Shetland.in OR NHS Tayside.in OR NHS Western Isles.in OR NHS Education for Scotland.in OR NHS Health Scotland.in OR NHS National Services Scotland.in OR NHS National Waiting Times Centre.in OR NHS Scotland.in OR University of Aberdeen.in OR Bute Medical School.in OR Dundee Medical School.in OR University of Edinburgh.in OR University of Glasgow.in OR Glasgow Medical School.in OR University of Dundee.in

5. The Jumpstart would provide all Scientific Production published or sponsored by those Institutions included in the search:

6. It may be interesting for libraries to create an AutoAlert or RSS feed so they are informed when any new publication sponsored by their Institutions is available or indexed at Ovid database:
7. Users could then also launch their search and combine results (for instance: skin cancer):

Results example:

Alternatives and advanced options:

As a more advanced feature we can also create specific tools for filters that would allow our users to easily get the most out of these tools, including different options or regions related to the Institution:

Example URL: http://demo.ovid.com/demo/nhswnales/ovidproduction.html
Searches could be as complex and accurate as the search demands, although please note that Internet Explorer has a maximum path length of 2048 characters, while Mozilla Firefox has no limit at this respect.

**UK Scientific production search:**