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Providing Access to Reliable, Relevant and Usable Scientific Research and Data
Throughout COVID-19



COVID-19 Information Available on Research4Life and Agora

During an unprecedented global health emergency, access to scientific research and educational materials is vital in the most open terms possible. As COVID-19 (Coronavirus) continues to spread it is important to be able to find reliable expert advice, as well as to have access to the latest peer-reviewed research.

[Research4Life](#) and [AGORA](#) have answered the call to provide users access to relevant scientific research and information from thousands of resources from Research4Life publishers and partners, as well as a vast amount of open access studies on the topic of COVID-19.

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Resources & Tools Accessible During COVID-19:



Importance of Open Data Accessibility During Unprecedented World Health Crisis:

One of the most important elements of maintaining global health, specifically during the current times of a world health crisis, is the creation and dissemination of reliable, up-to-date scientific information.

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AGROVOC Adds New Concepts Related to COVID-19:

Following a request for more specific terminology on COVID-19, AGROVOC has added new concepts related to the current world health crisis in an extra release on 10 April. This extra release is helpful for those cataloguing, especially as there is a plethora of research being done at the same time on the same topic. Nearly 20 new concepts were added, with the goal to add more.

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RDA's Working Group About COVID-19 Helps to Maximize Data Sharing in Current Health Emergency:

The Research Data Alliance (RDA) has created a working group about COVID-19. The objectives of this working group include: helping stakeholders to maximize the efficiency of their work with detailed guidelines on data sharing, and to develop guidelines for policy makers to maximize timely data sharing.

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During Physical Distancing, Discover Innovative Tools and Initiatives Facilitated by AIMS, all Accessible Online:

Practicing physical distancing is crucial in the current environment. Social distancing allows for the opportunity to lean in to digital dialogues and find online outlets providing access to information, data and knowledge. The AIMS Community provides this online platform encouraging digital interactions with a vast amount of innovative tools and education initiatives accessible online.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:



RDA/IGAD Webinar Series: Intelligent Plant Data Linkage Webinar set for April 16

As part of the [Research Data Alliance's](#) (RDA)/ [Agricultural Data Interest Group's](#) (IGAD) ongoing webinar series, aimed to keep up with cutting edge developments in agricultural data, and encourage the free flow of ideas, the next webinar is set to take place on **April 16 at 11 a.m. CET**. The webinar will focus on "Plant Data Linkage: A View from History, Philosophy and Social Studies of Science," and will feature Sabina Leonelli, Professor of Philosophy and History of Science at the University of Exeter and Hugh Williamson, Research Fellow at the University of Exeter.

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