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Dear All,

**Subject: Uniform Learning Resource (ULR).**

NBE and ANBAI are the process of developing a Uniform Learning Resource (ULR) for all the students (DNB & FNB) of NBE institutes. This was initiated by NBE and ANBAI has been roped in to take this massive effort forward. After a lot of effort and perseverance for more than a year, slow but steady progress has been made. Some leading publishers have agreed to join the consortium and have offered concessional rates for e-journals, as attached with this mail. These e-journals will be as a package from each publishing house based on the specialty offered by the institutions. The rates seem to be very attractive (Quotes attached). But each Institute has to see if this is in accordance to their individual requirements and affordability. We request all the NBE institutes to please let us know if they are satisfied with this offer and what more they need.

Efforts are going on to bring the remaining publishing houses to offer their journals at an attractive price. NBE has confirmed to ANBAI that it will support the noble initiative of ANBAI to bring down the cost of academic journals and/ or academic books. However NBE has clearly informed that it is not NBE's function to insist on procuring particular journals and/or books from particular academic publishers. ANBAI intends to start inclusion of e-books in the next phase.

All institutes have been sent emails periodically since last year, describing details of how this consortium will work. In case you need further clarification please contact Dr Muralidharan, Apollo hospitals, Chennai, Email: [drmuralidharan\\_m@apollohospitals.com](mailto:drmuralidharan_m@apollohospitals.com) Ph: 9840055071 and Dr. Sunil Sharma, Joint Secretary, ANBAI, Email: [dean@isiconline.org](mailto:dean@isiconline.org) Ph: 9650692803. All relevant documents are attached to simplify decision making for individual institutes.

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