

ERC, *Sharing the Knowledge*

The Electronic Resources Center

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Why?

It is the mission of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina Planetarium Science Center to **communicate science** in an informal and attractive manner to the public at large with special emphasis on children and youth. The five-year old Center looks at international institutions that have led the way in this relatively new field in search for successful experiences to learn from and emulate. However, new as it is, the Center has already created its own experience. To fulfill its mission, the Center is always searching for new ways to interact with other science communicators from all around the globe to improve its performance and help potential local science communicators progress.

The **Electronic Resources Center** website, divided into a **public space** and a **restricted area**, provides ideas and news about creative interactive workshops to the public, and provides a unique database of resources for partner science communicators. The restricted area of the website details the content of a large diversity of interactive workshops that are designed to provide children and youth with the opportunity of experiencing the magic of science in an enjoyable manner beyond the traditional methods of the classroom. The interactive workshops explained on the website guide animators in helping children and youth understand and practice teamwork by learning how to achieve better results through sharing and dividing work. The website also provides an arena for direct dialogue with the animators who create and operate the different workshops posted on the website.



The Electronic Resources Center will also serve as an asset and a tool in fulfilling the purpose and reinforcing the function of international science centers networks that the PSC is a member of. The PSC is the initiating member of the North Africa and Middle East Science centers network (**NAMES**) and a founding member of the Mediterranean Association for Science Advancement and Dissemination (**MASAD**). The PSC is also a member of the International Program Committee (IPC) of the Science Centers World Congress (SCWC). The PSC also collaborates with members of other international networks, such as ECSITE, ASTC, among others.



What?

The Electronic Resources Center provides access to:

- Workshop resources, related links and picture galleries;
- Full description of educational goals, activities, evaluations, timing, budget, and tips;
- Answers to frequently asked questions; and
- A sharing space for dialogue.

The Electronic Resources Center is divided into:

1. A public space: a simple user-friendly section that provides news and basic information about each workshop, in addition to contact access through the sharing space.
2. A restricted space: for the official partners use only, providing full access to all workshop-related details: full description of the educative goals, the activities, timing, budget, evaluations and advice.

How?

The Electronic Resources Center helps partners:

- Obtain brief, as well as, detailed information about each posted workshop;
- Easily recreate and perform the posted workshops;
- Apply the data to create new workshops or updated versions of the posted workshops;
- Post their work for other's benefit;
- Contact other science communicators and exchange ideas with them; and
- Establish a dynamic dialogue to serve the common purpose of communicating science.

Fully access ERC by becoming a partner, it is for free!

Send your profile to us using the link hereunder. It will be evaluated and you will be informed as soon as your partnership is activated. You will be provided with username, password, as well as a manual to using the database.

Please send your profile, your comments or inquiries through this webpage:

www.bibalex.org/psc/ElectronicResourcesCenter/ClientComment.aspx

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