



# take aim

helping you manage access to protected online resources

## Quarter of a million NHS professionals to benefit from access to online resources

**257,000 NHS professionals will benefit from easy access to online resources – anywhere, anytime – to keep up to date with the latest medical advancements.**

Eduserv has signed a five-year agreement with the NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement (NIII) for the provision of single sign-on access to online information resources.

Athens, the widely-used access and identity management service, is the chosen method of giving health professionals and researchers controlled access to materials provided by the NIII in the NHS National Library for Health (NLH) portal ([www.library.nhs.uk](http://www.library.nhs.uk)). The NLH contains 1,780 full-text journals, ten key clinical databases and 500 eBooks that are critical in keeping health professionals informed of the latest developments in their fields.

The NLH portal uses Athens to identify users' organisational affiliations, automatically enabling searches across all of the resources that they are entitled to access. This enables the search to go beyond the resources funded by the NIII, providing access to journals and databases subscribed to by the user's own NHS trust, leading open-access journals and local and national news items through a single interface. The portal, facilitated by Athens, can save the searches and settings of individual users. This means that, every time a user logs on, the portal is customised according to the individual's saved preferences. This helps NHS professionals to find the information they need as quickly as possible.

Ian McKinnell, technical manager at National Library for Health, comments:

*'To enable the better use of evidence and enable improvements in safer health care, it is vital that NHS managers and clinicians have ready and reliable access to knowledge. Establishing a knowledge sign-on is a vital foundation to this objective.'*

*'We are delighted to award this contract to Eduserv and look forward to building on the team's expertise in the field of access and identity management, and experience of working with both higher education and the NHS. NLH will be working with Eduserv and NLH partners in the National Programme for IT and Higher Education. They will ensure that NLH migrates to an open standards*

*platform for access management, ensuring better inter-operability between NHS clinical applications, knowledge resources and learning within HE.'*



## Meeting the challenges of the future

**Eduserv's annual DSP seminar in November attracted around 50 delegates. The event focused on emerging technologies and standards.**

The programme of presentations and interactive workshops included a thought-provoking presentation from Steve Plank, Identity Architect at Microsoft UK, entitled OpenAthens and User Centric Identity Management.

Eduserv introduced OpenAthens SP, a new platform that enables Service Providers to adopt new standards easily and take advantage of new developments in order to gain access to new customers. All of the presentations are available online at <http://www.eduserv.org.uk/events/dsp%20seminar%20oct07>

The seminar was well received with 100% of the delegates rating the event and speakers as good or excellent. Daniel Griffin from IWR summarised the day in the IWR blog. See <http://blog.iwr.co.uk/2007/10/athens-is-still.html>

## Online Information 2007

**We're exhibiting at Online Information 2007 (stand 430) and will be happy to answer your questions on AIM.**

We look forward to seeing you. Olympia, London, 4th-6th December 2007. <http://www.online-information.co.uk>





## Tailor MyAthens more easily

Eduserv has launched a new release of MyAthens, the widely adopted portal for Athens users. Now organisations and their users can tailor the system more easily to their own specific requirements.

The new release enables organisations to provide a tailored starting place for their users to search electronic subscription services. It also allows organisations to display their logo on the home page, as well as panels that can include:

- Local news items;
- Links to local and other non-Athens resources;
- RSS feeds.

Athens administrators are able to configure a default view for all their users, add/remove panels with content of their choice, and determine which panels are mandatory and which can be closed by their users. Athens users can customise their homepage by moving content panels on the screen, minimising them or closing them.

Additional panels will be released in the future. For example Eduserv are currently working on a Forums section, and are investigating ways of providing a cross searching facility for resources.

Screenshots of the new MyAthens can be seen at [http://www.athensams.net/upload/athens/images/myathens\\_portal.gif](http://www.athensams.net/upload/athens/images/myathens_portal.gif)

## Join the Federation and participate now with OpenAthens

**OpenAthens is a framework of software and services that gives institutions supported membership of the UK Access Management Federation. It enables institutions to participate in the Federation now whilst continuing to enjoy the reliability, user-friendliness and administrator support associated with the current Athens service.**

OpenAthens provides seamless access to Shibboleth-protected resources in the Federation. Until July 2008, OpenAthens is free to UK Universities and Colleges. From Aug 2008 it is available for a fixed annual subscription. For many institutions, this is the most cost-effective route to active Federation membership.

Over 60 institutions have now confirmed their intent to join the Federation and participate with OpenAthens. To find out how to join the Federation using OpenAthens, see <http://www.athensams.net/federations/openathens> or email [federation.liaison@eduserv.org.uk](mailto:federation.liaison@eduserv.org.uk)

## New resources sign up to Athens

The Athens service provides access to essential online resources for around 4 million individuals. Over the last year, 23 new resources have adopted Athens:

American Academy of Pediatrics Journals	The most influential journals in pediatric medicine by the authoritative resource on children's healthcare. Titles include Pediatrics, AAP News, Pediatrics in Review, NeoReviews and AAP Grand Rounds.
American Society of Hematology	Blood Journal.
Best Treatments UK	Best Treatments, the BMJ's evidence-based website for patients, covers 180 conditions in depth, and describes the benefits and risks of 2,000 different treatments. This enables patients to make informed decisions in partnership with health professionals.
Biz/ed premier	Innovative business-based education resources from Biz/ed. Includes core business e-textbooks and news-based learning activities.
Blackwell Reference Online	Blackwell Reference Online delivers nearly 300 reference volumes from the humanities and social sciences through to business and economics. It brings together the work of leading scholars from around the world to provide an authoritative online resource.
British Periodicals	The British Periodicals collection offers facsimile images and searchable text for hundreds of periodicals from the late seventeenth to the early twentieth century.
Cambridge Collections Online	Cambridge Collections Online gives full access to Cambridge Companions online (over 230), Shakespeare Survey Online (all editions of Shakespeare's survey) and Economic Society Monographs through a fully searchable interface.
Dawson Books	Dawson Books.
eSTEP Foundation	The online learning community for foundation doctors and trainers.
Future Medicine	A gateway to objective and authoritative information on medical advances in the post-genomic era, delivering concise, forward-looking perspectives on the scientific, clinical, economic and policy issues that confront us in modern healthcare.
Geology Digimap	Biological Sciences, Environment, Humanities, Information Resources, Languages and Cultures, Library, Maths and Statistics, Medicine and Health, Physical Sciences, Social Studies, Teaching and Learning.
History Study Centre	This provides a collection of digitised primary and secondary sources. It covers global history from ancient times to the present day, through over 40,000 documents and articles.
INFORMAWORLD	This provides access to over 340,000 journal articles and 10,000 e-books for the academic, professional and business communities. Features include citation alerts and downloads, active reference linking, and RSS feeds.
International Law in Domestic Courts	ILDC brings you a regularly updated repository of domestic cases in international law from over 60 countries. The cases feature expert commentary, full texts of judgments in their original language, and translations of key passages into English.
Justis State Trials	A fully searchable online version of an invaluable archive of authoritative early law reports.
Literature Online Reference Edition	A comprehensive and dynamic collection of leading literature reference and criticism resources, offering essential support for academic study and research. Contains journals, reference works, author biographies as well as the MHRAs.
Map of Medicine	This visually organises the latest medical research evidence and best patient practice guidelines.
RCS Raven Course Media	Resources for RCS Raven Course attendees.
SAGE eReference	SAGE Reference's authoritative and award-winning encyclopedias.
Taylor & Francis: CRCnetBASE	A collection of subject-specific books in electronic format. Indexed and viewable on-line.
WebFeat	WebFeat Federated Search.
Wellesley Index To Victorian Periodicals	A unique, systematic index to the authorship of the articles in 45 major Victorian periodicals. Attribution information is provided for each article. Records for each contributor and pseudonym provide biographical details and a list of articles.
www.intermid.co.uk	Online journal content from the British Journal of Midwifery.

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Eduserv is a registered charity with a mission to realise the benefits of IT for learners, researchers and the institutions that serve them. Over 4 million users gain access to essential online resources from leading publishers using their Athens access management service.

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