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What is the WHO Documentation Centre?

The World Health Organization (WHO) Documentation Centre was created in 1991 by the WHO Regional Office for Europe with the aim to evaluate, promote and disseminate WHO documents in Italy.

It is located within the Library of the Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS) - the Italian National Institute of Health - and carries on its activities with the support of the Documentation, Editorial and Data processing Units.

What are the activities of the WHO DC?

- It supports WHO activity by promoting the dissemination in Italy of documents produced by WHO headquarters in Geneva and by the WHO Regional Office for Europe in Copenhagen (WHO/EURO)
- It collects and catalogues the above materials, retrieves bibliographic information and provides the primary documents
- It provides access to WHO information materials and referral services in Italy
- It promotes the Italian translation of WHO/EURO documents on specific issues. Some translations are included in the series *Rapporti ISTISAN*, published by the Istituto Superiore di Sanità and accessible online
- It has produced a database of the Italian translations of WHO documents
- It reviews WHO documents of particular relevance. These reviews are published in *Annali dell'Istituto Superiore di Sanità*, which have been available online in full-text since 2000

How and where is it possible to access to the WHO documents?

- From the catalogue of the WHO Library it is possible to identify the documents published by WHO which are sometimes freely available online in full-text www.who.int/library/database/index.en.shtml
- From the catalogue of the ISS Library it is possible to know the Library's holdings www.iss.it/site/SebinaOpac
- Through the Translations Data Base, produced by the WHO Documentation Centre at ISS, it is possible to identify the WHO documents translated into Italian www.iss.it/site/WHO/Scripts/Mode.html
- Through the reference and the document delivery services supplied by this Centre it is possible to identify and/or to get WHO documents. Requests must be sent to the e-mail address whodc@iss.it

Are there any other WHO DCs in Italy?

The WHO Regional Office for Europe envisages the possibility of coexisting different WHO Documentation Centres in the same country, each one having specific concerns. Starting from 1996 another Centre was created in Italy, called WHO Documentation Centre Cittadella Sant'Elia for Training and Research in Public Health (CEFPAS) www.cefpas.it

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