

Aside from payment: the experience of acquisition and mutual use of resources in the Belarus Agricultural Library

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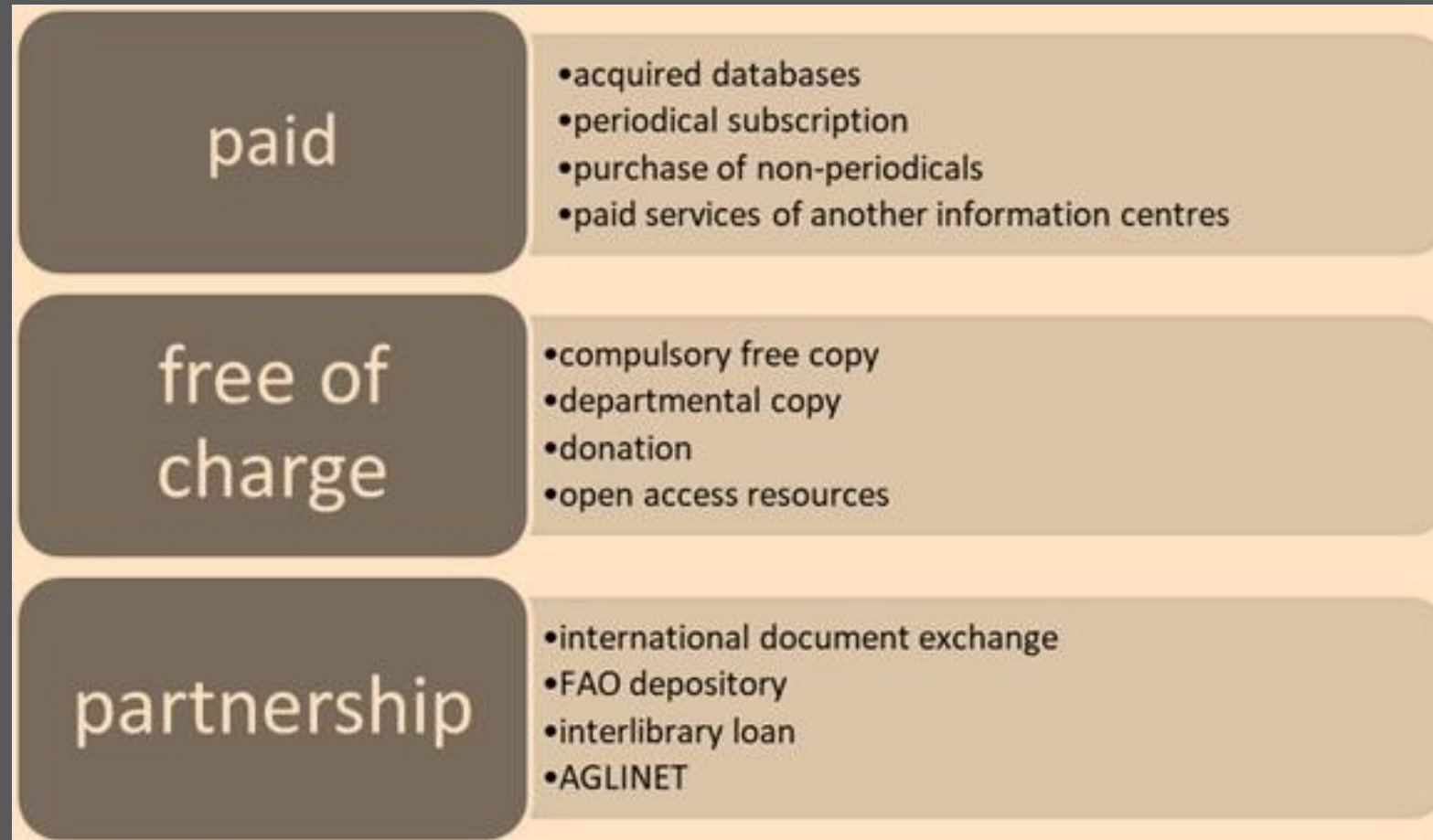
Beyond the paywall: Resource sharing in a disruptive ecosystem



Introduction

- I.S. Lupinovich Belarus Agricultural Library of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus (BelAL) is a national scientific agricultural library with the national repository of agriculture and forestry literature
- BelAL directs its activities to the information support for research and development in the field of agricultural sciences and agro-industrial complex of the country
- BelAL providing every resident of Belarus with open access to national and international information resources on agriculture and related industries

Ways of acquiring information resources in BelAL



BelAL collection development on a cost-free basis*

- legal deposit
- publications of the Department of Agrarian Sciences of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus
- international book exchange
- publications of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

*Under free sources of acquisition we understand the sources that do not include payment for a document or for access to information, but may include related expenses (for example, postal services).

National scientific resources

- mandatory free copies of documents
- free copies of printed publications of the Department of Agrarian Sciences of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus

Foreign scientific publications

- International book exchange
- FAO publications

Use of OA resources

On the BelAL website some OA Internet resources are grouped into sections for more user-friendly navigation:

- Databases
- Dissertations and Theses
- Research and Development Projects
- Rare Publications

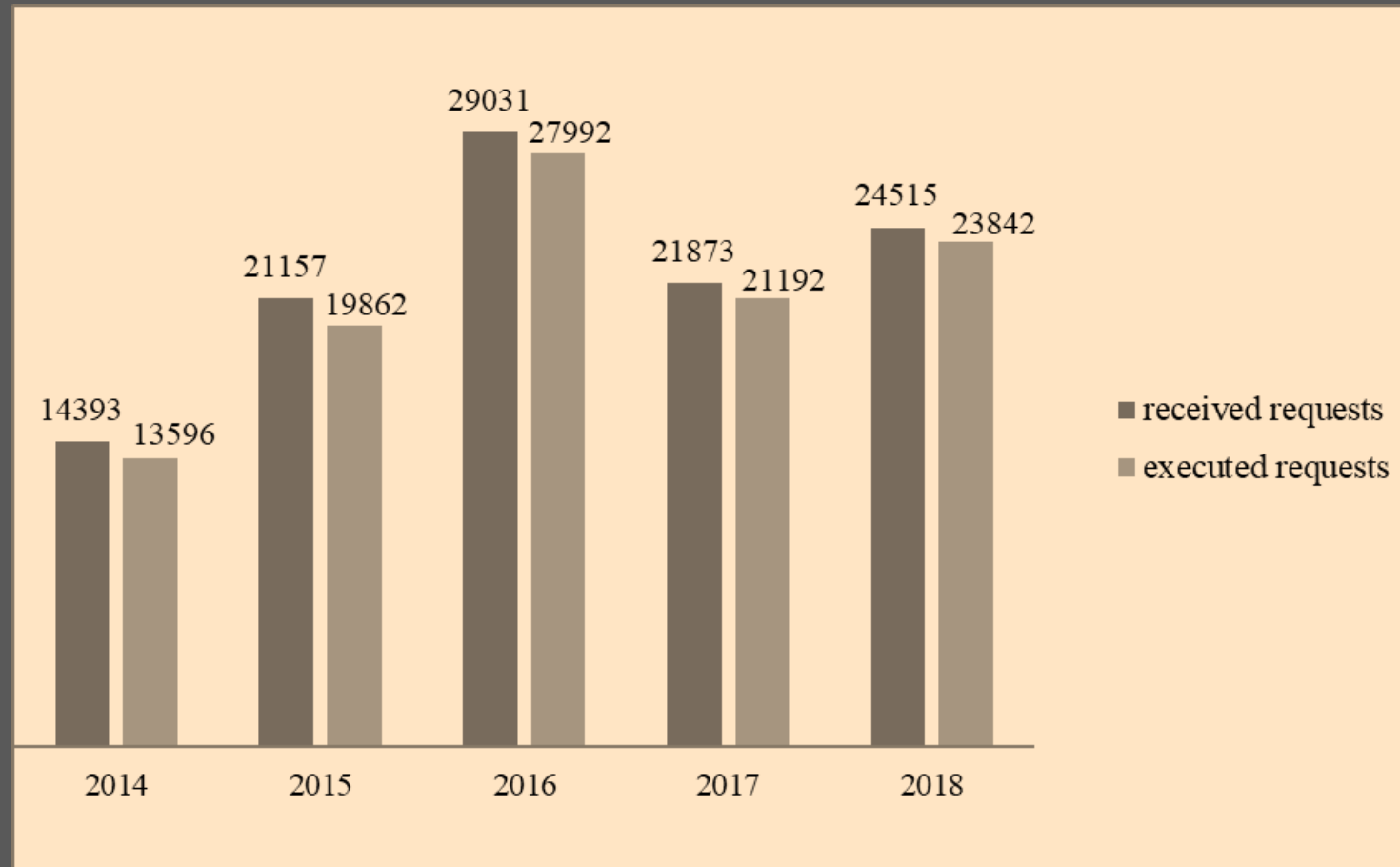
Resource sharing and document delivery

- interlibrary loan
- AGLINET – World Network of Agricultural Libraries

BelAL is a member of AGLINET

- AGLINET was founded in Rome in November, 1971
- AGLINET has its coordination centre – David Lubin FAO Memorial Library in Italy
- today AGLINET has 68 members from 56 countries
- BelAL joining AGLINET in 1995
- BelAL has established partnership with more than 40 libraries and information centres
- > 1 thousand Belorussian publications a year are requested by AGLINET members

Efficiency of executing remote user requests for delivery of full-text documents



Conclusion

- Free mandatory and departmental copies of documents allow the most complete BelAL collection development with national scientific resources
- International document exchange contributes to replenishment of collection with foreign book publications, which are not always available even for a fee
- FAO documents provide information on research for sustainable development from around the world
- OA resources supplement of BelAL collection
- Interlibrary loan and resource sharing allow to receive information, which absent in BelAL collection.

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