

## **Rationale for Cancellation of Library Resource**

**Date: October 9, 2010**

The Library is giving notice that a tentative decision has been made to cancel the following resource pending a final cancellation review. The decision to cancel a resource is made only after considerable discussion and exploration of alternatives. Please see the Library's cancellation procedure for more information on the process followed:

[http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/services/information\\_resources/cancellation\\_of\\_electronic\\_resources.cfm](http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/services/information_resources/cancellation_of_electronic_resources.cfm)

### **Description:**

The Library reviews all current subscription based resources (journals, databases etc.) in an effort to make best use of existing acquisition funds, to contain costs, to provide access to resources in formats that offer the greatest utility and value for users, and reduce the staff time devoted to processing and handling these materials. *All monies saved from cancellation of resources are re-directed towards the purchase of newer, high priority resources for faculty and students or to address the annual cost increases associated with the library's electronic resources budgets.*

### **Electronic resources for cancellation:**

- **Faculty of 1000**  
<http://f1000.com/>

**Cost of Resource(s):** \$6,555 (2010) / \$8,214 (2011) Canadian

**Effective Date of cancellation decision:** December 1, 2010

### **Rationale for cancellation:**

#### **a) Value for Cost:**

The F1000 service has been subscribed to since 2002. In that time, uptake for this resource has been relatively low. Total reviews viewed in the past year have been 392, making F1000 very expensive in light of costs noted above (\$16/view – \$20/view at 2011 rates). Given that many low/no cost alternatives exist for journal alerts exist in the Biological and Life Sciences, F1000 is being proposed for cancellation.

#### **b) Budgetary considerations/Cost:**

The demands of providing ever-greater access to scholarly materials, the impact of inflation, and the University's financial situation require that money be saved wherever possible.

**Alternate access:**

The Faculty of 1000 is a literature awareness tool that systematically highlights and reviews the most interesting papers published in the biological sciences, based on the recommendations of contributing faculty. *F1000 does not contain any licensed content such as articles, and, as such, will not affect access to licensed content.* Alternative suggested resources can be found in the following resources:

- Web of Science (Science Citation Index)
- Alert Services (Ingenta, PubMed/MyNCBI)

\*As well, the Library maintains the following listings of other current awareness tools to keep faculty and students abreast of research in biological and life sciences:

[http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/resources/journal\\_articles/current\\_awareness/by\\_subject.cfm#bio2](http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/resources/journal_articles/current_awareness/by_subject.cfm#bio2)

If you have questions or concerns, please contact either the librarian assigned to your department/College:

[http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/services/information\\_resources/contacts.cfm](http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/services/information_resources/contacts.cfm)

or the Head of Information Resources (Scott Gillies <[sgillies@uoguelph.ca](mailto:sgillies@uoguelph.ca)>).