DREXEL UNIVERSITY FACULTY AND GRADUATE STUDENTS
SURVEY OF SCIENTIFIC SCHOLARLY JOURNAL READING AND USE

Your responses are confidential and data will be reported only in aggregated form. Because your answers are extremely important to the accuracy of our study, please return the questionnaire even if you are unable to answer all the questions.

We have tried to keep the questionnaire as short and simple as possible and yet achieve our study objectives. It should take less than 10 minutes to complete. Just circle the appropriate number (1, 2, 3, etc.), or write your answer in the space provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Hansen Montgomery at montgoch@drexel.edu or x2750. Please return the completed survey by June 7, 2002.

SECTION 1—SCHOLARLY ARTICLE READING

1. In the past month (30 days), approximately how many scholarly articles have you read? Articles include those found in journal issues, author Web sites, or separate copies such as preprints, reprints, and other electronic or paper copies. Reading is defined as going beyond the table of contents, title, and abstract to the body of the article.
   Number of articles read/used in the past month: ______ articles

All questions below refer to the scholarly article you read most recently. Please note that this reading may not be typical but will help us establish the distribution of reading patterns.

2. What is the title of the journal from which this last article was read or, if not from a journal, what is the topic of the article?
   Approximate journal title: ____________________________________________
   or
   General topic of article: _____________________________________________

3. In what form was the article when last read? Circle only the best answer
   Printed journal................................................................. 1
   Photocopy................................................................. 2
   Facsimile copy............................................................ 3
   Online computer screen.................................................. 4
   Previously downloaded, on computer screen......................... 5
   Printout of e-text.......................................................... 6
   Other (please specify): .................................................. 7

4. What is the year of the article you last read (e.g., 2001, 2002, etc.)? _________
5. Prior to your reading of this article, did you know about the information reported or discussed in this article? (Circle one) Yes … 1 No … 2

6. How thoroughly did you read this article? (Circle one)
   With great care…………………………………………………………. 1
   With attention to the main points…………………………………. 2
   Just to get the idea………………………………………………… 3

7. Please indicate your best estimate of the time in minutes that you spent reading this article the most recent time. ______ minutes

8. How did you initially find out about this last article you read?
   Circle only the best answer
   a. Found while browsing:
      i. A personal print subscription………………………………………. 1
      ii. A personal electronic subscription……………………………… 2
      iii. A library print subscription…………………………………….. 3
      iv. A library electronic subscription………………………………. 4
      v. A subscription copy in a shared department unit, etc., collection.. 5
      vi. Other digital collection (please specify): __________________ 6
   b. Cited in another publication………………………………………… 7
   c. Another person (e.g., a colleague) told me about it………………… 8
   d. Found while I (or someone on my behalf) was searching:
      i. An indexing/abstracting database (e.g., Web of Science, ProQuest, FirstSearch, SilverPlatter).…………………………………… 9
      ii. Web search engine (e.g., Yahoo, AltaVista, Excite, Netscape)… 10
      iii. Online journal collections (e.g., HighWire, ScienceDirect)…… 11
      iv. A current awareness service (e.g., Current Contents)
          Print version……………………………………………………….. 12
          Electronic version…………………………………………………. 13
      v. A preprint/e-print service………………………………………… 14
   e. Don’t know or other (please specify): ______________________ 15
9. From what source/form did you last read this article?
   Circle only the best answer
   a. A personal print subscription……………………………………… 1
   b. A personal electronic subscription………………………………… 2
   c. A library print subscription……………………………………….. 3
   d. A library electronic subscription………………………………….. 4
   e. A free Web journal………………………………………………… 5
   f. A print subscription located in a shared department, unit, etc.,
      collection…………………………………………………………… 6
   g. A separate copy of an article:
      i. Preprint………………………………………………………….. 7
      ii. Reprint…………………………………………………………… 8
      iii. Personal copy………………………………………………….. 9
      iv. Copy from a colleague, author, etc.................................10
      v. Interlibrary loan………………………………………………… 11
      vi. Document delivery service……………………………………12
      vii. Author’s Web site……………………………………………… 13
   h. Other (please specify):  __________________________________ 14

10. Approximately, how much time (in minutes) did you, and/or someone else on
your behalf (e.g., graduate student, lab assistant, librarian), spend in each of the
following activities?  (If no time was spent, please circle 0.)

   Time
   Browse or search for the article:
      Your own time…………………………..… 0……..or_____ minutes
      Someone else’s time on your behalf……… 0……..or_____ minutes
   Locate where the article is:
      Your own time……………………………. 0……..or_____ minutes
      Someone else’s time on your behalf……… 0……..or_____ minutes
   Obtain, request, receive, or display the article:
      Your own time……………………………. 0……..or_____ minutes
      Someone else’s time on your behalf……… 0……..or_____ minutes
   Download the article:
      Your own time……………………………. 0……..or_____ minutes
      Someone else’s time on your behalf……… 0……..or_____ minutes
   Photocopy or print out the article:
      Your own time……………………………. 0……..or_____ minutes
      Someone else’s time on your behalf……… 0……..or_____ minutes
   Other (please specify): ______________________ 0……..or_____ minutes
### SECTION 2—PURPOSES & CONSEQUENCES OF THE LAST ARTICLE READING

11. For what purposes have you used, or do you plan to use, the information obtained from the article you last read?

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<th>Purpose</th>
<th>Principal Purpose (Circle only the best one)</th>
<th>All Other Purposes (Circle all that apply)</th>
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<td>Primary research</td>
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<td>Internal or external presentations</td>
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<td>Current awareness/keeping up</td>
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<td>Other (please specify):</td>
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12. In what ways did the reading of the article affect the principal purpose?

Circle all that apply

- It improved the result: 1
- It narrowed/broadened/changed the focus: 2
- It inspired new thinking/ideas: 3
- It resulted in collaboration/joint research: 4
- It resulted in faster completion: 5
- It resolved technical problems: 6
- It saved time or other resources: 7
- It wasted my time: 8
- Other (please specify): 9

13. How important is the information contained in this article to achieving your principal purpose? (Circle appropriate number)

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14. STATUS:

Circle one only

- Full-time Faculty (tenure and non-tenure track): 1
- Part-time/Adjunct Faculty: 2
- Doctoral Student: 3
- Masters Student: 4
- Other (please specify): 5
15. COLLEGE/SCHOOL:  

Circle primary one

- College of Arts and Sciences: 1
- College of Business: 2
- College of Engineering: 3
- College of Information Science and Technology: 4
- College of Media Arts & Design: 5
- Evening College: 6
- School of Education: 7
- School of Environmental Science, Engineering, and Policy: 8
- School of Biomedical Engineering, Science and Health Systems: 9
- Other (please specify): ______ 10

16. Please indicate all graduate degrees earned (e.g., M.S., Ph.D., M.D., etc.).

___________________________________________________________

17. In what year did you receive your last degree? ______

18. Sex:  M     F

19. In the past two years, have you received any awards or special recognition for your research or other profession-related contributions? (Circle one)

Yes ... 1  No ... 2

20. In the past two years, how many journal articles have you published? ____articles

21. How many personal subscriptions to professional journals do you receive, including those obtained as a member of a professional society? (Personal subscriptions are those which are personally addressed to you at your home, office, or lab.)

Subscriptions paid myself: ................................................................. ______
Subscriptions purchased by grant or other source for my personal use: ______
Subscriptions purchased by grant or other source for shared use: ______

Please return the completed survey by June 7, 2002 to:
Carol Hansen Montgomery, Ph.D.
Dean of Libraries
W. W. Hagerty Library

We thank you.