



Building a Sustainable Health Research Inventory : Lessons from Deploying the HERDIN NeON System

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- Information is Power
- Access to health and health research information is important in evidence-informed policymaking.





The Philippine Council for Health Research and Development established **HERDIN** to assist researchers in accessing health research information





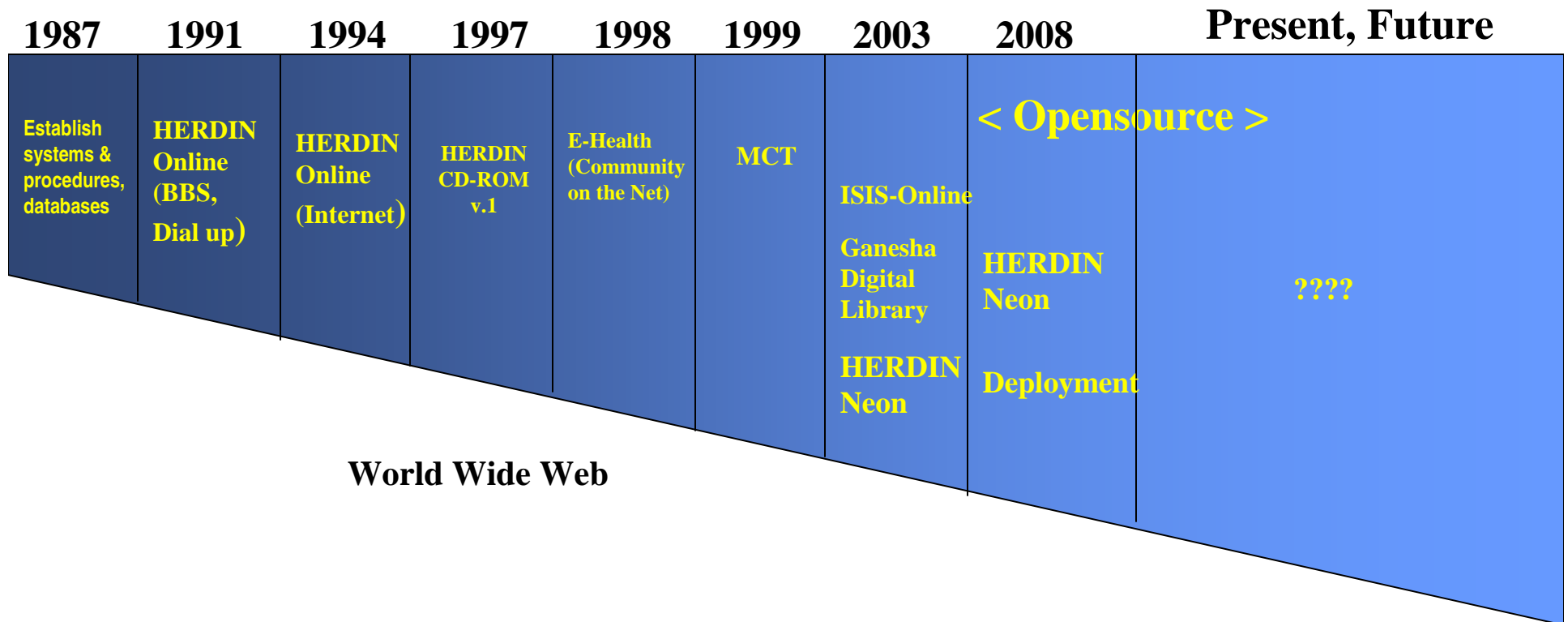
HERDIN

Health Research and Development Information Network

- started as a network of documentation and information centers engaged in health research and development
 - the network developed HERDIN databases, starting with bibliographic entries of published and unpublished research in the Philippines
 - first online health research service in the country
 - first on the web
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How HERDIN evolve





HERDIN NeoN System

In 2003, HERDIN Networks of Networks (NeoN) was conceptualized

- A Distributed knowledge repository
- Uses open-source technology to improve functionalities and over-all performance; features a relationship linkage of researches, projects, authors, experts, and institutions.



HERDIN NeoN System Deployment (since 2008)

? 54 Institutions from Region 1, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, ARMM and NCR were trained

? 16 institutions out of 54 were installed the system and committed to input to their institutional data to HERDIN

? 7 Institutions out of 16 are actively using HERDIN; and inputting records to HERDIN



Lessons Learned on HERDIN NeON

- Lack or no appreciation hence, no ownership of institutions on the value of research database for their own purposes
- Most training participants were not in a position to confidently advocate to their decision-makers about the value of research databases in their institutions, hence, no action on the implementation of HERDIN



Lessons Learned on HERDIN NeON

- Lack or no staff to serve as institutional focal person who can bring together different stakeholders within the institutions (research, library, IT)
- Lack or no staff to undertake and sustain information gathering, processing and publishing
- Most institutions are not ready or confident to share their research information



Lessons Learned on HERDIN NeON

Some training participants were not research producers



HERDIN Demonstration

<http://www.herdin.ph>



Thank you very much.