

Quarterdeck Software). This is an intelligent software agent which searches the Internet on the basis of key words and creates databases of relevant information. The various Internet sites retrieved by this method are provided in annexes to this report.

In order to examine the extent of biological and toxin information resources on the Internet, over 120 hours were spent connected to the Internet searching by key-words and downloading information during April and May 1996. Over 3,000 files containing more than 35 megabytes of information were downloaded from over 1000 Internet sites related to biological and toxin information.

The following sites on the Internet were the largest organized centres of biological and toxin information with links to hundreds of other Internet sites:

- The World-Wide Web Virtual Library Biosciences (the searchable index is located at <http://golgi.harvard.edu/htbin/biopages>);
- The World-Wide Web Virtual Library Microbiology and Virology (located at <http://golgi.harvard.edu/biopages/micro.html>);
- The World-Wide Web Virtual Library Epidemiology (located at <http://www.epibiostat.ucsf.edu/epidem/epidem.html>);
- The World-Wide Web Virtual Library Biotechnology (located at <http://www.cato.com/interweb/cato/biotech/>; and,
- Martindale's Bioscience Guide (located at <http://www-sci.lib.uci.edu/~martindale/MedicalPath.html>).