1. The Zetoc Service

From the homepage you can find out all about the Zetoc service. News, support and the Zetoc FAQ are all available along with other information about the service.

You have three main options from here:

- **Zetoc Search**: for citations of journal articles and conference proceedings.
- **Zetoc Alert**: to set up, modify and delete email alerts.
- **Zetoc RSS**: to set up RSS feeds for journals.

**Logging into Zetoc**

Details on logging into Zetoc are available in the Zetoc FAQ.
For extra support, check out our Zetoc authentication Screencast Video for step by step guidance Screencast Video

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2. Zetoc Search

Zetoc Search has three search options:
- General Search - for Conferences and Journals
- Conference Search
- Journal Search

You can enter search terms in any number of the boxes. Use single words, several words, or words enclosed by quotation marks in order to retrieve specific phrases, such as “aurora borealis”.

We have provided some search examples in our workbooks.

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Searching Tips

- If you enter more than one word in the same field, the search engine will place an automatic AND between the terms entered. You cannot specify your own Boolean operators.
- Enter terms in double quotes to search for a phrase or specific author e.g. "climate change", "Wilson S".
- Truncate search terms e.g. hyppo* will find hippocampal, hyppocampus, hyppotherapy, hyppocampectomy etc.
- Include a publication date, or date range e.g. 1996 or 1995-1999 to narrow your search.

Record Displays

- Brief display: this is the initial display that results from a search. By default the brief display will show ‘Less Record Information’. Select the ‘Show More Record Information’ option in order to display additional record details, including abstract when made available by the journal publisher. Navigate through the records by using the Next and Previous buttons, and the First and Last buttons.
- Full display: view the full record by clicking on the record title.
- The Open Access symbol is displayed against those records from Open Access journals.
• Results are shown in pages of 25. If you only find one record you are given the Full Display. If you find two or more records you are given a Brief Display.

• Change the order in which results are listed from the default reverse date (i.e. most recent first) to sort by date (i.e. oldest first) or alphabetically by title. Note: you cannot change the order if you have a large number of hits.

Full Record Display and Further Options

The full record display provides full details about an article/paper. Each record is divided into fields which are labeled to indicate their content e.g. title, author(s) etc. When made available by the publisher abstracts are included. The Open Access symbol is displayed in the full records of articles from Open Access journals/

From here there are three options; to access the full text, to request a copy from your Institution’s library, or to buy from British Library Direct.

Full Text Articles

• You may be able to view the full text of articles in Zetoc.
• The more information link at the bottom of a full record (which may appear to you as a customized full text link) takes you to further pages of links to electronic resources.
• The resources available to you, including full text, will depend upon the institution that you are accessing Zetoc from.
• Try using the link to see what is available to you.
• Alternatively, if the record is from an Open Access journal there will be a link to view the full text on the publisher website.

Inter-Library Loan (ILL)

• Zetoc provides a page to facilitate making an inter-library loan enquiry.
• The page that you see will depend upon the institution you are from.
• Click on the Request a copy from your Institution’s Library link from the full record to view the ILL page, which will include the details of the item that you wish to borrow.

Buy from British Library Direct

• All articles and papers in Zetoc are available from British Library On Demand.
• Click on the link to Buy from the British Library and complete a short online registration before ordering your documents. Pricing will be displayed before confirming your order request.
Emailing Records

- Select records for emailing by tagging them. You do this by clicking in the checkbox beside each record.
- The default is select all (i.e. if you do not tag any records).
- Email records by clicking the Email Records button and entering the email address. You may select long labels e.g. "Author(s):", or short labels e.g. "AU:"
- You may also choose a title for your email.
- You cannot email more than 500 records at a time.

Saving Records

- Select records for downloading by tagging them. You do this by clicking in the checkbox beside each record.
- The default is select all (i.e. if you do not tag any records).
- Save records by clicking on the 'Download' button. You may select long label e.g. "Author(s):", or short label e.g. "AU:". If you wish to import the saved records into bibliographic software you would need to select the 'short labels' option.
- You can then save the records as a text file. You may wish to import your records into a local bibliographic database such as EndNote or Reference Manager.

Search History

- View your recent searches by clicking on the History button.
- You can view, email, download, or edit the results of a previous search.
- The search history is stored in the current browser session only and will not be available once the session has ended (i.e. the web browser has been closed).
3. Zetoc Alert

**Note:** members of some institutions may be automatically signed in to Zetoc Alert when on-campus.

1. Log into [Zetoc Alert](#).
2. Enter your email address in the box provided.
3. You can choose to name your list. **Note:** members of some organisations will be given an automatically generated name.
4. Click on the **Create** button and you will get confirmation that the list has been created, as well as the expiry date, which is 12 months from the date of creation.
5. The list has now been created, and you need to add journals and searches.

**Adding Journals**

1. Add journals to your Alert list by clicking on the **Add Journals** button. You will see a split screen with the details of what is in your list on the left and the search facility on the right.
2. Search for journals alphabetically, by search term or by subject.
3. Add journals to your list by clicking the **Add** button. Open Access journals can be identified by the inclusion of the Open Access symbol (🔗) against the relevant titles. The Add button will change to **In list** and you will see that the journal is now shown in the left-hand frame as being in your Alert list.

![Zetoc Alert - Display List Contents](image1)

![Zetoc Alert - Add Journals](image2)

- The journal title appears in your list.
- The ‘Add’ button changes to ‘In List’.
- Open access symbol appears against open access journal titles.
Adding Searches

1. Add searches by clicking on the **Add Author/Title Searches** button. You will see a split screen with the contents of your list on the left and the search facility on the right.
2. Enter keywords from the title or authors into the boxes provided and click **Add to list**. You will see that the search is now shown in the left-hand frame as being in your Alert list.

**Note:** you can only have up to 50 journals or searches in any one list, but you can create as many lists as you wish.

Renaming an Alert List

**Note:** members of some organisations will be given an automatically generated Alert List name; you will not be able to rename these lists.

1. Log into **Zetoc Alert** (you must use the username and password used when creating the list).
2. Use the drop down menu to select the name of the alert list you would like to rename and click the **Rename** option.
3. When prompted enter the new name for alert and select **OK**.
4. Confirmation that the alert has been renamed will be displayed, along with a link to take you back to the Alert Homepage.

Renewing/Modifying an Alert list

1. Log into **Zetoc Alert** (you must use the username and password used when creating the list).
2. You can select the Zetoc Alert from the drop-down list or enter the name of the list you wish to renew.
3. Click the **Renew/Modify** button.
4. From this page you can change the email address that the list is sent to, renew the list for another 12 months or modify the list.
5. To remove journals or searches remove the tick in the check box and then click on **Remove Journals/Searches**.
6. To add journals or searches use the appropriate buttons and you will get to the split screen allowing you to see your list contents and add journals or searches to it (see above).

**Deleting an Alert List**

1. Log into [Zetoc Alert](#) (you must use the username and password used when creating the list).
2. You can select the Zetoc Alert from the drop-down list or enter the name of the list you wish to delete.
3. If your list name was automatically generated you will be prompted to enter the name of the list.
4. Click the **Delete** button and select **Yes** to confirm the deletion of the Alert list.

**Transferring an Alert List**

**Note:** when changing institutions or authentication routes you can transfer your Alert List/s to your new account.

You can transfer an Alert list to a new username and password via a link in the Alert email.
- At the end of each Alert email you will find a link to allow you to transfer your list to a new login.
- Click on the link in order to log into Zetoc with your new username and password. This will automatically transfer your Alert List.
- Repeat this for each Alert List you have set up.

**4. Zetoc RSS**

- Click on [Zetoc RSS](#).
- You can search for journals alphabetically, via a search form, or by category.
- Journals that offer an RSS Feed have an RSS button [RSS](#) beside them, this takes you to the entry for that journal.
- You can subscribe to the feed in various ways, depending upon your chosen RSS reader (also called feed readers or aggregators and including browser-based readers).
- Feeds for each journal issue are kept for one month.
- Information is available on the data included in a Zetoc journal RSS feed on the [About Zetoc RSS](#) page.

**Further Help**

- For search help click on the help button [Help](#).
- [Zetoc FAQ](#) also provides answers to some of the more common queries.
- Detailed **workbooks** are available.

**Links in Full**

- [About Zetoc RSS](https://zetoc.jisc.ac.uk/rss.html)
- [Glossary](https://zetoc.jisc.ac.uk/glossary.html)
- [Homepage](https://zetoc.jisc.ac.uk/)
- [News](https://zetoc.jisc.ac.uk/news/)
- [Online version](https://zetoc.jisc.ac.uk/quickguide.html)
- [PDF version](https://zetoc.jisc.ac.uk/quickguide.pdf)
- [Support](https://zetoc.jisc.ac.uk/support.html)
- [Workbooks](https://zetoc.jisc.ac.uk/support.html#materials)
- [Zetoc Alert](https://zetoc.jisc.ac.uk/cgi-bin/wayf?A-1)
- [Zetoc FAQ](https://zetoc.jisc.ac.uk/faq.html)
- [Zetoc RSS](https://zetoc.jisc.ac.uk/rssjnllist.html)
- [Zetoc Search](https://zetoc.jisc.ac.uk/wzgw)

If you have any queries, comments or suggestions please forward them to help@jisc.ac.uk (please add 'Zetoc' to the subject line).

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