



Papua New Guinea  
Institute of Medical Research

## The Micheal Alpers Library & Adolf Saweri Theatre



## The Adolf Saweri Lecturer Theatre

The Adolf Saweri Lecturer Theatre or Auditorium was built in 2003 as part of the Capacity Strengthening Project, funded by AusAID to the Institute. Being a research Institution, the lecture theatre was very essential in hosting medical meetings, conferences, seminars as well as lectures.

The theatre was named after one of PNG's pioneer medical doctor Dr Adolf Saweri. Dr Saweri was the Council Chairman for the IMR Council. Dr Saweri, originally from the West Papuan province of Indonesia is the longest serving Board Chairman of the IMR Council.

It has hosted many meetings and conferences to date with some of these being;

- the IMR 40th Anniversary Colloquium
- the 41st annual Medical Symposium, held in 2005
- the Pneumonia Colloquium, in 2010.

## Features

The lecture theatre can hold up to 150 people and has a standby genset. It is also equipped with a data overhead projector for powerpoint presentations and other projections. It is located within the Institute premises and although it is mainly used by the Institute, it can also be hired for external use by other organizations for meetings, conferences, lectures, seminars among others.



## Wednesday's Seminars

One of the common activity involving the using of the Lecturer Theatre is the Institute's Wednesday's Seminar presentations. These seminars often involve various study projects within the Institute presenting to staff members about their studies.

The theatre provides an avenue where staff get to listen to what other research units within the Institute are up to in terms of their various studies and often ends up with discussions, opinions etc.

Visitors mainly scientists from overseas who visit the Institute often are asked to give presentations to staff members of IMR. These Wednesday Seminars is a great opportunity to listen talks about studies into various health problems that the Institute undertakes.

This weekly Wednesday seminars are held in the Lecturer Theatre and is open to the public especially those dealing directly with Health to come along and listen to these presentations.

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## The Michel Alpers Library

The Institute of Human Biology (IHB) Territory of Papua and New Guinea was established in 1968 as a statutory body to the Ministry for Health to conduct research into the health problems of the people of PNG. In a Government Gazette of October 1973, the Institute of Human Biology name was legally changed to The Papua New Guinea Institute of Medical Research (PNGIMR).

The Library was set up at that time to support the research activities of the Institute which came to be known as the Michael Alpers Library in 1991. Library collection contains different types of materials that has been collected through the years in order to satisfy the information needs of IMR researchers and to support the research programmes/projects of the Institute.



## Collection

The library collection is extensive in its scope covering not only subject areas of the research carried out at IMR but also other subject areas such as: religion, history, anthropology, philosophy among others. Records for all library holdings are contained in the Electronic Library System.

The collection comprises over 5,000 monographs, 247 serial titles in print of which, 36 titles are currently on library subscriptions with 21 of these titles available online. The collection holds approximately 2200 publications authored by PNGIMR staff over the years. Approximately 200 records containing selected archival material and over 100 videos and maps.

## Archives

The archival collection reflects the research that has been carried out by or in collaboration with the staff of the Institute in the field of malaria, enteric diseases, pneumonia, kuru, sexual health, women's health, filariasis, and nutrition. The first significant effort to formally establish an administrative unit to manage the archives of the Institute began in October, 2003 as part of the Capacity Strengthening Project, funded by AusAID.

Apart from research-related records, the archives also has in its custody minutes of meetings of the Institute Council and of the Medical Research Advisory Committee (MRAC).

Other archives include correspondence, health patrol reports, field notes, manuscripts, conference papers. Some of the archives pre-date the Institution. These were brought to the Institute by members of staff or Council who had arrived in the territory prior to the establishment of the Institute.

IMR Staff and members of the public, within and outside PNG, are able to access the archives provided it is for genuine administrative or research purposes. Due to the physical condition and or sensitive nature of their content, some archives may be unavailable for access.



## Library Services

- Lending - Institute staff are allowed to borrow up to 5 books at a time and for a maximum period of 21 days renewable.
- Document Delivery and Inter-Library Loans Service - All users of this service must fill a Registration form in order to comply with copyright regulations. This form can be downloaded. Ask the library assistant for assistance. IMR staff requiring articles or items not held in the library may request these from other Institutions by filling the IMR Library DD/ILL Request Forms (Document Delivery Interlibrary loans). This service is also available to external individuals and institutions. Charges apply.
- Photocopying/Scanning/ Binding/ Printing - This service is also available to external individuals and institutions. Charges apply.
- Online Searches - this service is also available to IMR staff and external users. See the Library Assistants for more information.
- Library Tutorials - sessions on how to use the library and how to perform online searches in Pub Med are offered to both IMR staff and external library users free of charge.

## OPENING HOURS

Mondays - Fridays 8:30am - 4pm (for staff members ONLY)  
For external users - every Wednesdays  
ONLY 1:00pm - 3:00pm

