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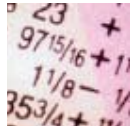
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## PAGE 3 Behind the data



### Research supports UN millennium development goals

The UN Millennium Development Goals aim to combat the effects of extreme poverty. Bringing together governments, industry and research, this global effort hopes to solve some of our greatest challenges by 2015. Research Trends looks at how research on HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria measures up to the impact of these diseases.

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### Analyzing a multidisciplinary research field

The analysis of multidisciplinary research can be very difficult, in large part due to the fact that scientific terminology is often shared with the traditional fields it draws together. In a multidisciplinary field, such as energy, keywords can be ambiguous. Research Trends explores a delineation based on subject categorization to measure country specialization and collaboration against impact.

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### Small countries lead international collaboration

The global nature of many of science's most pressing challenges demands greater international collaboration. Research Trends looks at how different countries measure up and finds that smaller nations are leading the way.

## PAGE 10 Regional focus



### Iranian universities pushing ahead

Iran is steadily publishing more papers and attracting an increasing number of international citations. Is the Middle East on the brink of a scientific revival? Research Trends investigates.

## PAGE 12 People focus



### Jorge Hirsch: the man behind the metric

Four years ago, the *h*-index burst onto the bibliometric scene, sparking an explosion of studies on the metric itself, its potential use in different contexts, and a host of variant metrics on the same theme. But the man who shares his initial with the index, Professor Jorge Hirsch, is a physicist, not a bibliometrician. Research Trends goes direct to the source to find out where the *h*-index came from.