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### **ABSTRACT**

In a recent questionnaire survey of Cambridge Scientific subscribers, over 90% expressed preference for the delivery of abstracting/indexing services through the Internet. This fact has been the rationale for Cambridge Scientific's Internet initiative. Thirty-six of Cambridge Scientific's databases, previously available in print and CD-ROM, are now searchable through the World Wide Web. More recently, these databases have been clustered into eight sets, each with a unified index, covering critical areas of research.

- (1) AIDS and cancer genetics,
- (2) aquatic sciences and fisheries,
- (3) biotechnology and bioengineering,
- (4) biological sciences,
- (5) environmental sciences and pollution management,
- (6) materials science and technology,
- (7) microbiology,
- (8) safety science and risk assessment.

The presentation will demonstrate the significant advantages of World Wide Web searching: direct easy access, comprehensive coverage, and considerable savings in both time and cost.