The Library and Documentation Technical Unit (LDTU) is one of the present Technical Units of the Estación Experimental de Aula Dei (EEAD) of the CSIC. It has a double dependency: organic on the EEAD; functional on the Unit of Coordination of Libraries of the CSIC, as it is one of the 86 Libraries that conforms the Network of Libraries of the CSIC.

It appears assigned to the zone denominated like “Rest of Spain” in the territorial organization provided by the Unit of Coordination of Libraries of the CSIC. The LDTU adapts all the projects, norms, guidelines, products and librarian-documentary tools impelled by their Unit of Coordination to their specific surroundings, the EEAD and the Campus of Aula Dei. It should be emphasized among them the following tools: the implantation of the automated databases system ALEPH as a daily and fundamental application of documentary management (with all its intrinsic technical standards: ISBD, MARC, Headings of matter CSIC, Z39.50), the system of electronic transmission of documents ARIEL, the norms of interlibrary loan, the integrated access to the resources and shared electronic documents organized from CSIC Virtual Library (with its benefits SFX and PAPI) and DIGITAL.CSIC for the digital archive of the scientific production of the CSIC and its diffusion in open access.

At the present the confluence of ample paper and digital collections characterizes to our library as a “hybrid library” meaning a permanent high challenge. It makes its management more complex but, however, offers more possibilities of wealth and exhaustive information in the most varied documentary Technicals and documentary typologies.

Our own paper collections are highly specialized in Agriculture, Life Sciences and other closed sciences. Our electronic accesses allow obtaining scientific full texts of multidisciplinary sources. The recent LDTU collections and electronic accesses statistics are (at 2007, Dec. 31):

- **EEAD Books Collection**: 9,461 books. A series of singular copies, with deposit and distinguishable management, should be emphasized:
  - Old Publications of the s. XVIII and s. XIX.
- **EEAD Scientific Journals Collection**: 1,803 titles (411 with actual reception).
- Online access to the CSIC Electronic Books Collection: 190,000 titles.
- Online access to the CSIC Electronic Scientific Journals Collection: 11,713 titles.
- Online access to the most of databases and other electronic resources (Editor Gateways, OPACs) of the CSIC: 104 products.

Within the EEAD the activities of the LDTU are fundamentally oriented to try to give an effective answer, through a series of Procedures and Services restored with continued management, to all bibliographical or documentary necessity raised by their users and derived from the development of the current research lines in the Institute, as well as to create and to preserve a documentary collection of base, printed and digital, properly treated technically and arranged, after their spreading, to knowledge and use of all the scientific community.
In order to satisfy this goal the LDTU has planned, implement and management a series of Technical Procedures and Services in constant evolution, adapting, to the accelerate changes of the scientific information, very impacted by the new prevailing technologies in the last years, always looking for, among others, the following primary targets:

- The technical-documentary treatment of the bibliographical materials of new entrance or new access, in agreement with norms established, arranging it to be used and consulted by the users, both own as external.

- The continuous adjustment of existing resources, technological and documentary, including databases, electronic journals and electronic books, to the supplies and innovations produced in the publishing market. Our LDTU gives special attention to the increase of the supply, its quality, and the visibility-accessibility, in line with the policy established for all the system of the network of Libraries CSIC.

- To establish and to maintain suitable agreements of collaboration with information centers and information networks, nationals and international, to increase the capacity of obtaining primary documents hard to find within the own collection, besides to harness to the maximum the shared access to specialized sources of scientific information.

- To plan and to organize continuous training activities to guarantee the profitability by use of the resources of information ready to its access from the Institute, with special attention to those of electronic Technical and online access.

- To plan and to organize activities of cultural dissemination (divulging Exhibitions and other activities) that put in value partial aspects of specific issues or copies of the LDTU.

At the present the validity, pertinence, quality and efficiency of the proportioned information are looked for, primarily, by means of a permanent updating of the www of the LDTU, guaranteeing therefore the visibility and easy online access to all the electronic resources and electronic documents, as much of corporative licenses CSIC, like those subscribed directly or those being free have been selected by his quality and relevant thematic. The actual website of the LDTU is:

www.eead.csic.es/es/biblioteca_documentacion.html

Given his ample and specialized bibliographical collections the LDTU also acts like outstanding supplier of scientific documentation to other Centers, Institutes and Universities at national level.

In addition, due to its formation and informative experience, the LDTU Technicals to the Institute in precise necessities of compilation and preparation of data related to its image and the scientific activities and their production derived during specific periods: elaboration of the Report of the Institute, management of the contents of the www of the Institute.