

CABI Training Materials

CAB Direct

MyCABDirect, Alerts and RSS Feeds

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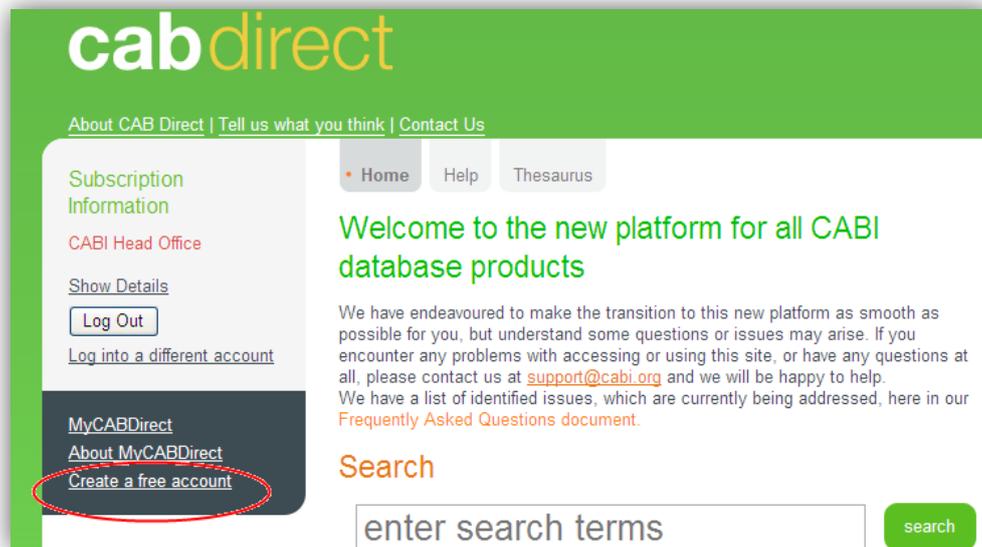
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With the introduction of the latest version of the CAB Direct search interface, comes the ability to save search histories and to run weekly Alerts and RSS feeds.

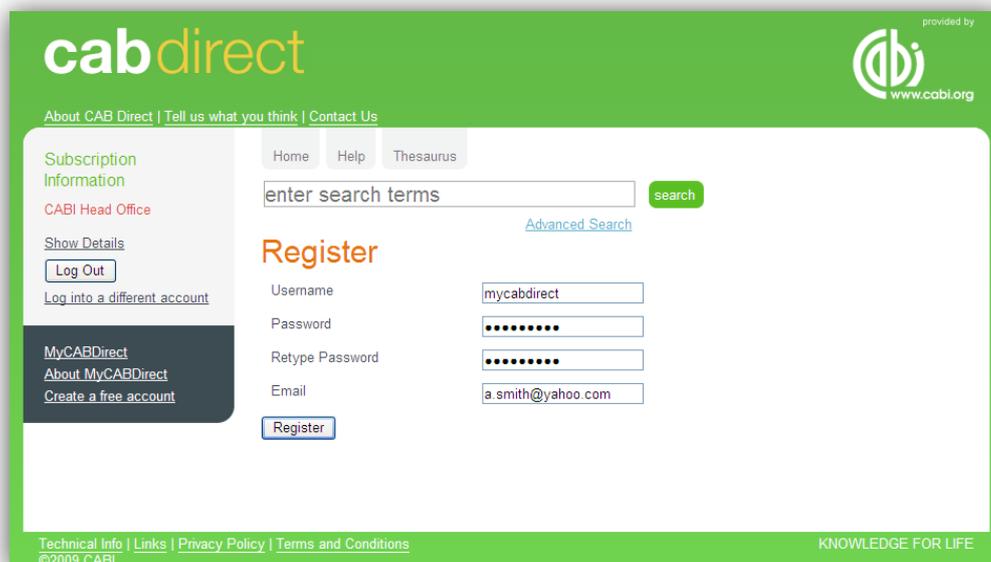
Create a MyCABDirect Account

To create an Alert, or an RSS feed, you first need to set up a free “MyCABDirect” account. This is simple to do. On the left of the screen is a black “MyCABDirect” box. To create a new account, simply click on

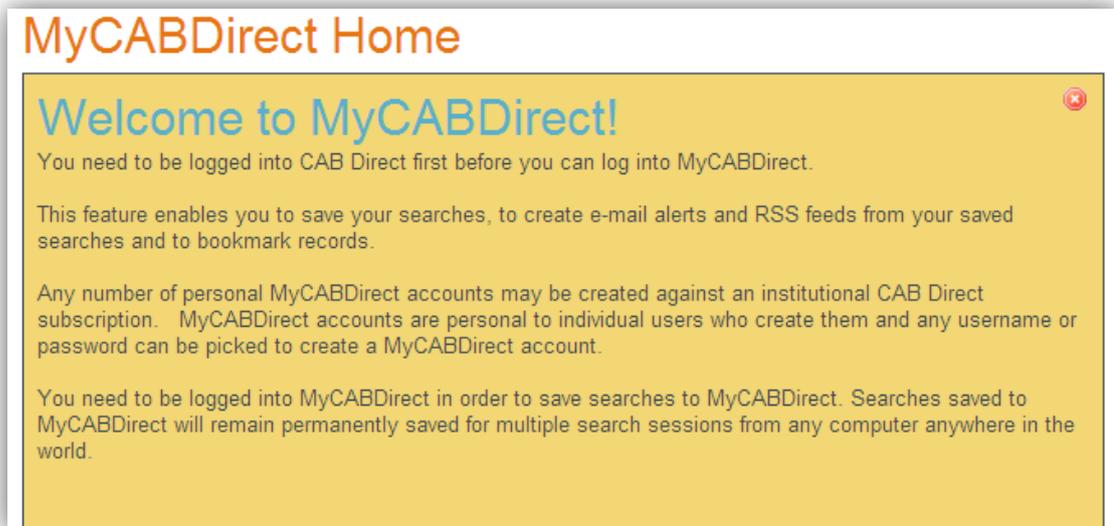
[Create a free account](#)



Enter your preferred e-mail address, and a username and password, and then click the **Register** button.



The first time you set up an account, you will see the following Welcome message:



MyCABDirect Home

Welcome to MyCABDirect!

You need to be logged into CAB Direct first before you can log into MyCABDirect.

This feature enables you to save your searches, to create e-mail alerts and RSS feeds from your saved searches and to bookmark records.

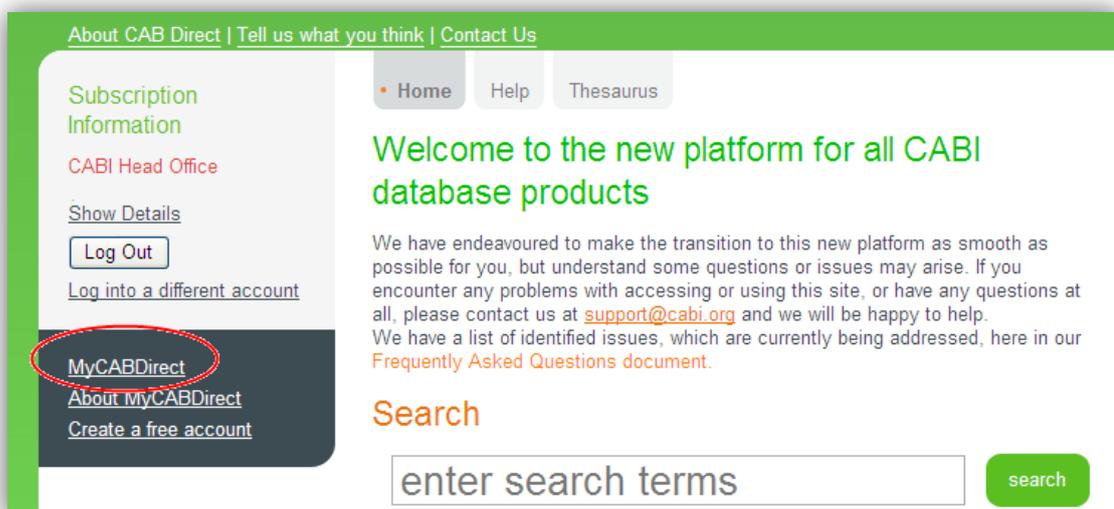
Any number of personal MyCABDirect accounts may be created against an institutional CAB Direct subscription. MyCABDirect accounts are personal to individual users who create them and any username or password can be picked to create a MyCABDirect account.

You need to be logged into MyCABDirect in order to save searches to MyCABDirect. Searches saved to MyCABDirect will remain permanently saved for multiple search sessions from any computer anywhere in the world.

MyCABDirect Features

You are now ready to use the **MyCABDirect** features.

When you are in a CAB Direct search session, you can login to your **MyCABDirect** at any time, by clicking on **MyCABDirect** and logging in.



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Welcome to the new platform for all CABI database products

We have endeavoured to make the transition to this new platform as smooth as possible for you, but understand some questions or issues may arise. If you encounter any problems with accessing or using this site, or have any questions at all, please contact us at support@cabi.org and we will be happy to help. We have a list of identified issues, which are currently being addressed, here in our [Frequently Asked Questions document](#).

Search

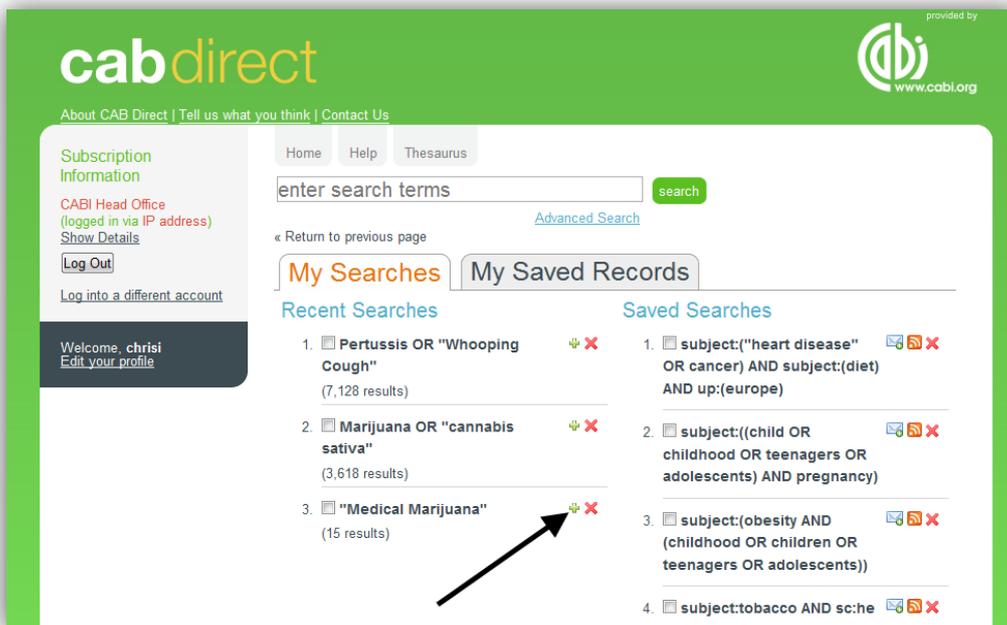
enter search terms

You will then be taken to your **MyCABDirect** account where you will see your current Search History, any Saved Search Histories, that you may have created, and any BookMarked records that you may have saved during previous search sessions.

NOTE: Any searches, under the heading “Recent Searches” are temporary, and will remain only for the duration of the current search session. As soon as you log out of the current session, these searches will be lost.

Saving Searches

If you want to permanently save one or more of these searches, simply click on the green plus button  to right of the search statement. The search will then be permanently saved under the “Saved Searches” heading.



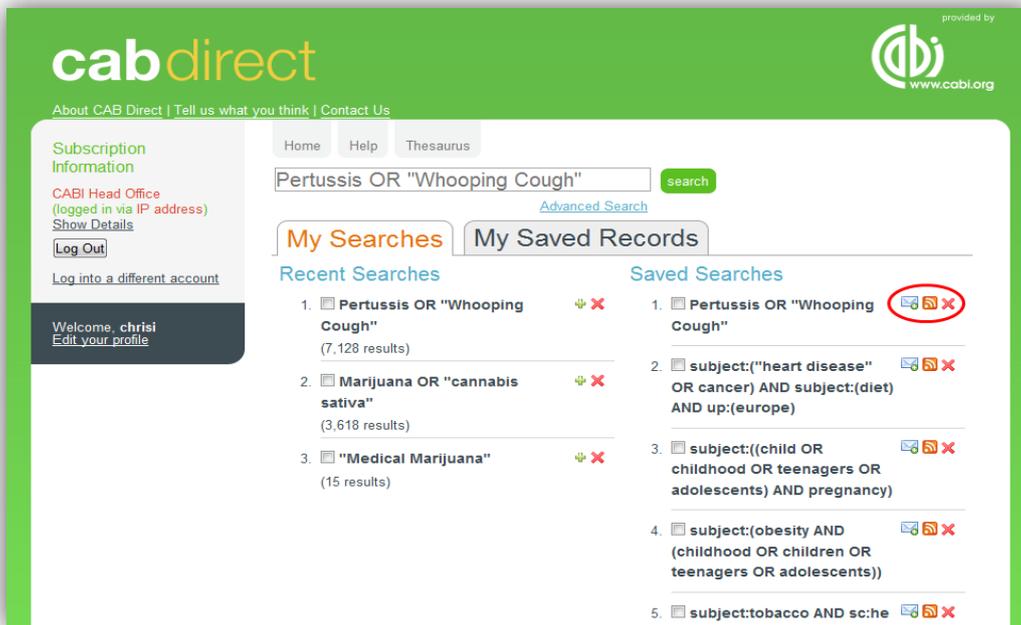
The screenshot shows the MyCABDirect account interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "enter search terms" and a "search" button. Below the search bar, there are tabs for "My Searches" and "My Saved Records". The "My Searches" tab is active, showing a list of recent searches:

- 1. Pertussis OR "Whooping Cough" (7,128 results)
- 2. Marijuana OR "cannabis sativa" (3,618 results)
- 3. "Medical Marijuana" (15 results)

Each search entry has a green plus icon and a red X icon to its right. A black arrow points to the green plus icon for the "Medical Marijuana" search. The "My Saved Records" tab is also visible, showing a list of saved searches:

- 1. subject:("heart disease" OR cancer) AND subject:(diet) AND up:(europe)
- 2. subject:(child OR childhood OR teenagers OR adolescents) AND pregnancy)
- 3. subject:(obesity AND (childhood OR children OR teenagers OR adolescents))
- 4. subject:tobacco AND sc:he

Clicking  button will add this search to your **Saved Searches** section.



The screenshot shows the CAB Direct website interface. At the top, there is a green header with the 'cabdirect' logo and navigation links like 'Home', 'Help', and 'Thesaurus'. A search bar contains the text 'Pertussis OR "Whooping Cough"'. Below the search bar, there are two tabs: 'My Searches' and 'My Saved Records'. Under 'My Searches', there are three recent search results: 'Pertussis OR "Whooping Cough"' (7,128 results), 'Marijuana OR "cannabis sativa"' (3,618 results), and '"Medical Marijuana"' (15 results). Under 'My Saved Searches', there are five saved search strings. The first saved search is 'Pertussis OR "Whooping Cough"', which is circled in red. To the right of this search string are three icons: an email icon, an RSS icon, and a delete icon (X).

Having saved your search, this will remain in your account until you decide to delete it. You can re-run the search, at any time, by simply clicking on the search string. You will also see, from the screenshot above, that you now have two new buttons to the right of the saved search.  

These two buttons allow you to set up an auto-email Alert  or an RSS feed 

E-mail Alerts

The Alerts option will automatically send the latest records to your e-mail address, on a weekly basis. At the time of writing this guide, there was a limit of 10 records per week, but this should soon be reset to 25. As you can see, from the e-mail extract below, the records are provided as citations, with links back to CAB Direct so that you can see the full records with Abstracts. Also, at the top of the e-mail, there is a link that will take you back to CAB Direct and re-run the entire search for you.

From: info@cabdirect.com [mailto:info@cabdirect.com]
Sent: 14 January 2011 10:12
To: Cristina Ashby (Prod.Dev.Mgr)
Subject: New results for your MyCABDirect search: islet cells

Dear cristina
You have new results for your search [islet cells](#) on CAB Direct.
Regards, The CAB Direct team.

1 [Novel therapeutics for type 2 diabetes: incretin hormone mimetics \(glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonists\) and dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitors](#). Verspohl, E. J.; Elsevier, New York, USA, *Pharmacology and Therapeutics*, 2009, 124, 1, pp 113-138

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2 [Clinical application of non-glucose stimulating test in the evaluation of pancreatic \$\beta\$ -cell functions](#). Huang LiWen; Feng Lie; Liu HuaLong; Zhang Yun; Sun Yat-sen Medical Science of Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China, *Journal of Tropical Medicine (Guangzhou)*, 2009, 9, 6, pp 678-680, 6 ref.

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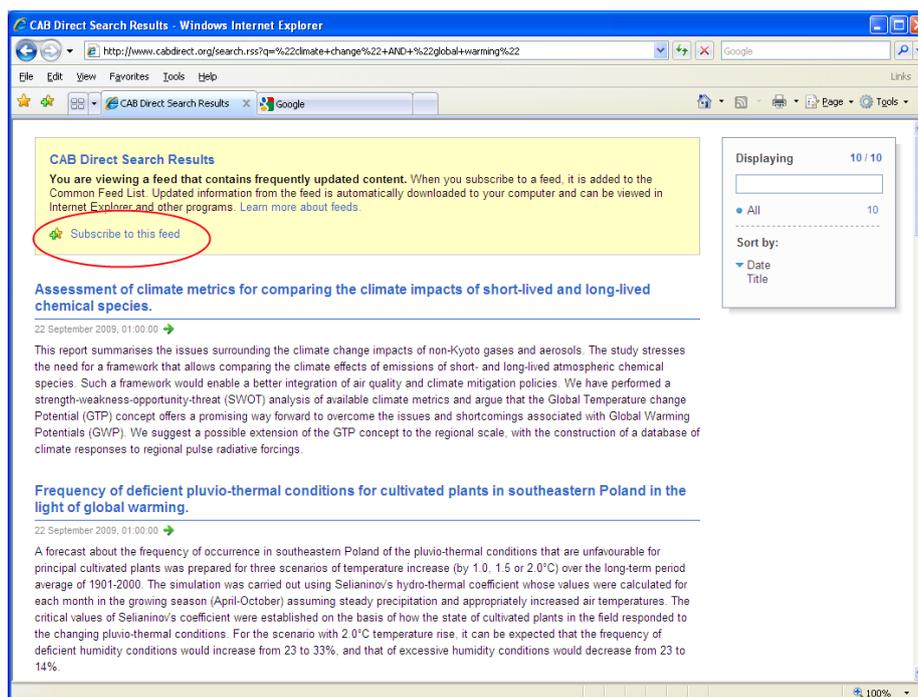
RSS Feeds

This option allows you send your weekly updates to your chosen RSS reader. There are many RSS readers to choose from and they may work differently, depending upon which Internet Browser you are using and whether you have access CAB Direct via IP address or a Username and Password. There are many free RSS Readers available such as Sage and FeedDemon but for further information on types of Wikipedia click on the following link.

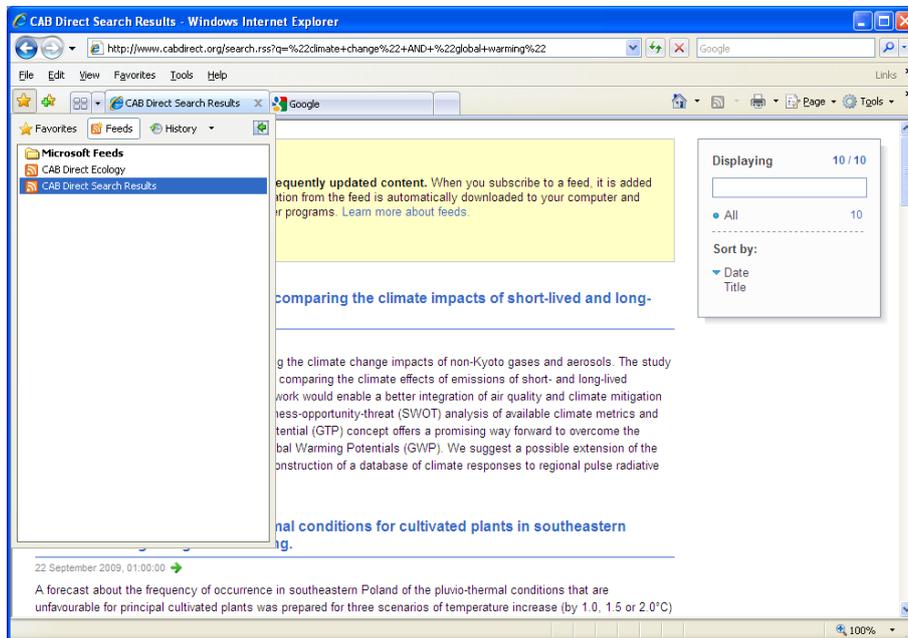
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_feed_aggregators

RSS feeds will work, even if you don't want to install a specific RSS reader.

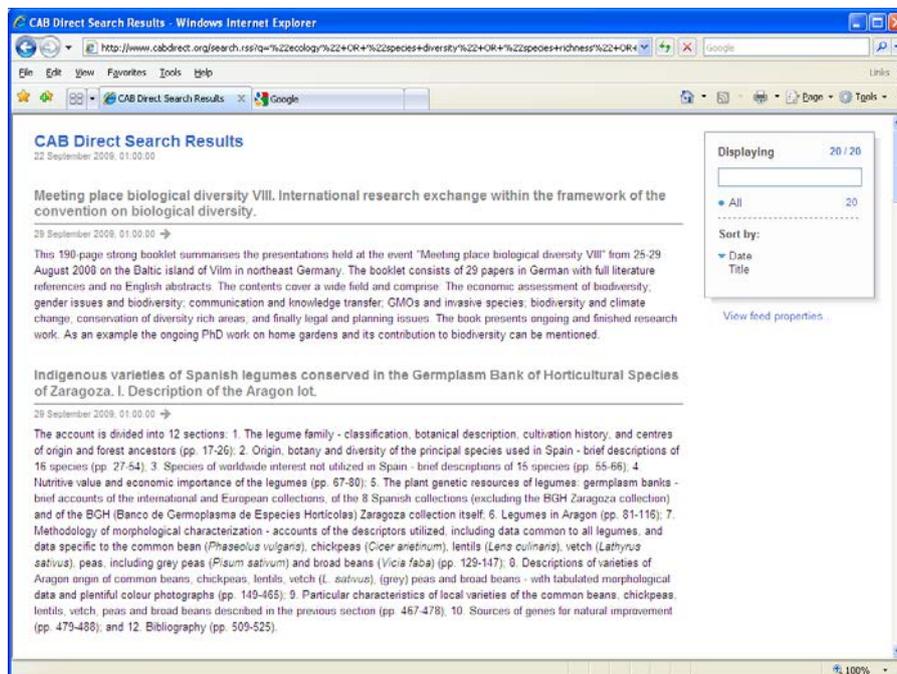
To set up an RSS feed, from within your **MyCABDirect** account, simply click on the RSS feed icon . This will automatically display the records, in your default browser, and will give you the option to subscribe to the feed, as shown in the screenshot on the next page.



When you subscribe, the feed will be saved to your Feeds list, as shown below, in Internet Explorer.



You should be able to view the latest records by clicking the appropriate link, as illustrated below.



By downloading and installing an RSS reader, you will be notified automatically of any new records which you will be able to view via your reader.