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A study on the acceptance of and preference for online journal databases of selected faculty in the University of the Philippines Diliman<sup>\*</sup>

Various formats or sources of information allow users of information many opportunities from which to get information. Print sources include books and serials. Non print sources include the CDs, microfilms, online sources, etc. With the current trend and fast-paced progress from the present technology to swiftly emerging ones, it is becoming more and more complicated to ascertain how the users of today perceive and utilize the various resources. To ascertain the need for the type or format of information is imperative because of the time, cost, and effort involved. Teachers are primary stakeholders towards identifying the type or format of information, which is why it is important to recognize what these information users need and This study focused on the awareness, rate of use, want. acceptance, confidence, and preference of the faculty members of the College of Science (CS) and the College of Social Sciences and Philosophy (CSSP) of the University of the Philippines Diliman. A total of 101 and 145 full-time faculty members served as the sample for CSSP and CS, respectively. A structured questionnaire was administered to the sample after which the data was analyzed using mainly, frequency counts, percentages, and ranking. The findings revealed that : (a) the faculty members of the College of Science (CS) and College of Social Sciences and Philosophy (CSSP) of the University of the Philippines Diliman are generally aware of the online journal databases as sources of

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information; (b) the online journal databases are underutilized; (c) the degree of acceptance and confidence of the respondents who have used the online journal databases is positive; and (d) the use of both online journal databases and print formats still is more agreeable than using exclusively online journal databases or print sources. Recommendations include an intensified current awareness service by the various library units of the University of the Philippines Diliman directed towards the faculty members. Further studies could also shed light on the relationship of age and the use of the online journal databases.