

# findit.lu : The How-To Series

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## Episode 9: How do I save a search and create an alert?

Once you have performed a search, you may want to save it for future use - re-running it in the future to check for new results. Saving a search is also useful if you want to set up an alert.

Connect to Consortium Luxembourg's electronic documentation portal at [findit.lu](http://findit.lu) and perform a search from within the portal (see Episodes 6 & 7 for more details).

Once you have a list of results from your search, click on "MetaSearch" in the menu.

The screenshot shows the findit.lu search results page. The top navigation bar includes the logo of the Bibliothèque nationale and the Université du Luxembourg. The search results are displayed in a table with the following columns: No., Author, Title, Year, Database, and Action. The 'MetaSearch' button is highlighted in the top navigation bar. The search results are for the query "parkinsons disease young patients" in ScienceDirect (Elsevier).

No.	Author	Title	Year	Database	Action
1	J.K. Morris	<a href="#">Insulin resistance impairs nigrostriatal dopamine function</a>	2011	ScienceDirect (Elsevier)	
2	Janusz Lipski	<a href="#">L-DOPA: A scapegoat for accelerated neurodegeneration in Parkinson's disease?</a>	2011	ScienceDirect (Elsevier)	
3	Mariàngels de Planell-Saguer	<a href="#">Analytical aspects of microRNA in diagnostics: A review</a>	2011	ScienceDirect (Elsevier)	
4	Reinhard Schiebs	<a href="#">The cholinergic system in aging and neuronal degeneration</a>	2011	ScienceDirect (Elsevier)	
5	K. Vedovelli	<a href="#">Effects of increased opportunity for physical exercise and learning experiences on recognition memory and BDNF levels in brain and serum of rats</a>	2011	ScienceDirect (Elsevier)	
6	J. Dietz	<a href="#">Emotion and ocular responses in Parkinson's disease</a>	2011	ScienceDirect (Elsevier)	
7	Donna M. Crabtree	<a href="#">Genetically engineered mouse models of Parkinson's disease</a>	2011	ScienceDirect (Elsevier)	
8	Shannon D.R. Ringenbach	<a href="#">Auditory instructional cues benefit unimanual and bimanual drawing in Parkinson's disease patients</a>	2011	ScienceDirect (Elsevier)	
9	GuoQi Zhu	<a href="#">MPTP-mediated hippocampal dopamine deprivation modulates synaptic transmission and activity-dependent synaptic plasticity</a>	2011	ScienceDirect (Elsevier)	
10	A.R. Carta	<a href="#">Rosiglitazone decreases peroxisome proliferator receptor-gamma levels in microglia and inhibits TNF-alpha production: new evidences on neuroprotection in a progressive Parkinson's disease model</a>	2011	ScienceDirect (Elsevier)	

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Then click on “Previous Searches” in the sub-menu.

The screenshot shows the MetaSearch interface. The search query is "parkinsons disease young patien". The search results table is as follows:

Database Name	Type	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/> Academic Search Premier(EBSCO) <a href="#">Full Text</a>	Index, Searchable	<a href="#">i</a> <a href="#">+</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> ACM Digital Library <a href="#">Full Text</a>	Index, Searchable	<a href="#">i</a> <a href="#">+</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> Business Source Premier(EBSCO) <a href="#">Full Text</a>	Index, Searchable	<a href="#">i</a> <a href="#">+</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> DigZeitschriften <a href="#">Full Text</a>	Index, Search-and-go	<a href="#">i</a> <a href="#">+</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> Directory of Open Access Journals <a href="#">Full Text</a>	Index, Searchable	<a href="#">i</a> <a href="#">+</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> IEEE Xplore <a href="#">Full Text</a>	Index, Searchable	<a href="#">i</a> <a href="#">+</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> PROLA - American Physical Society <a href="#">Full Text</a>	Index, Searchable	<a href="#">i</a> <a href="#">+</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> SAGE Journals Online <a href="#">Full Text</a>	Index, Searchable	<a href="#">i</a> <a href="#">+</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ScienceDirect (Elsevier)	Index, Searchable	<a href="#">i</a> <a href="#">+</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> SpringerLink (MetaPress) <a href="#">Full Text</a>	Index, Searchable	<a href="#">i</a> <a href="#">+</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> Web of Knowledge (ISI)	Searchable	<a href="#">i</a> <a href="#">+</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> Wiley Online Library <a href="#">Full Text</a>	Index, Searchable	<a href="#">i</a> <a href="#">+</a>

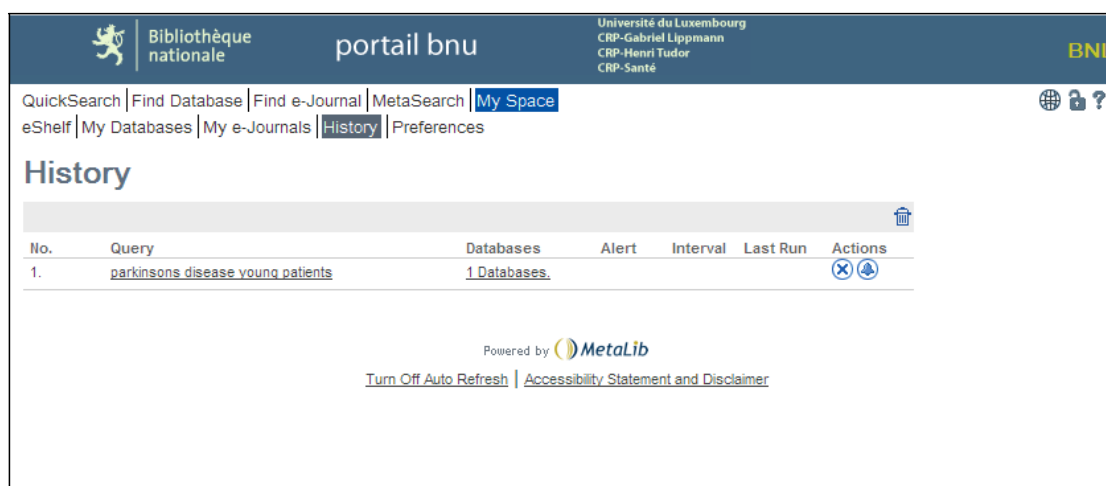
The “Previous Searches” screen displays showing all the searches you have done during your current connection to the portal. To save your search, click on the plus sign (+).

The screenshot shows the Previous Searches screen. The search results table is as follows:

No.	Query	Databases	Hits	Actions
1	<a href="#">parkinsons disease young patients</a>	ScienceDirect (Elsevier)	563	<a href="#">+</a>

The plus sign will turn grey and it will have a small blue arrow on it (+).

Your search will be saved in your “My Space” area under “History”.



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eShelf | My Databases | My e-Journals | History | Preferences

### History

No.	Query	Databases	Alert	Interval	Last Run	Actions
1.	<a href="#">parkinsons disease young patients</a>	<a href="#">1 Databases.</a>				

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From here, it is possible to create an alert using these search terms that can be run at a specified interval and will notify you, via e-mail, of any new results. To do so, click on the bell icon (). The “Add Alert” screen will display:



### Add Alert

You have requested an alert for this search:  
**WRD=(parkinsons disease young patients)**

All fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are mandatory

Enter an alert name of your choice: \*

Enter recipient's e-mail for alert results: \*

Do you want a message even if there are no new results:  Yes  No

Run this alert every: \*  Days

Select resources for alert:  ScienceDirect (Elsevier)

Here you can specify the name for your alert, the e-mail address to be notified, whether or not you want an e-mail even if there are no new results, and the frequency of the notification. When you have completed the information, click on the "Save" button.

### Add Alert

You have requested an alert for this search:  
WRD=(parkinsons disease young patients)

All fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are mandatory




Enter an alert name of your choice: \*


Enter recipient's e-mail for alert results: \*

Do you want a message even if there are no new results:  Yes  No

Run this alert every: \*




Select resources for alert:  ScienceDirect (Elsevier)

The system will notify you that the alert has been saved. Once saved, you can modify () or delete () the alert by using the appropriate icon in the Actions column. The saved search can be deleted with the X icon ()


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Your Alert request has been accepted

### History

No.	Query	Databases	Alert	Interval	Last Run	Actions
1	<a href="#">parkinsons disease young patients</a>	<a href="#">1 Databases.</a>	SD Parkinsons	1 Weeks	23/08/11	  

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