# Finding Conference Proceedings: Web of Science and the Conference Proceedings Index Part 3

This screencast video will show a more advanced search for a conference paper.

The search begins in the database Web of Science including the Conference Proceedings Index.

However, the principles can be applied to any search.

[Web of Science Search Results Page]

We’ll begin from a search results page in Web of Science.

I am looking for the conference paper titled “Health Informatics in Canada: A Vision for the Next Millennium”, which is the search result found in the centre of the screen.

Click on the paper’s title for more information.

“Get it @ Waterloo” is a quick way to check the library’s electronic and print holdings for the item.

The database has a “Get it @ Waterloo” link located in the top left, under the title information.

A new window opens, which does not show any electronic holdings under “full-text”.

Click on either the Primo or TRELLIS link to look for print copies.

These links are found under the heading “holdings information”.

By clicking on Primo or TRELLIS, library holdings will be matched to a unique identifying number called the ISBN or ISSN.

This search produced no results, indicating that uWaterloo library doesn’t have the item.

However, to be thorough, confirm these results with an independent Primo search for the proceeding.

It is important to search Primo with the proceeding title and not the paper’s title.

Additional search strategies that can be used include a search by the proceeding publisher or editor.

I won’t conduct the search right now, but have confirmed that this proceeding isn’t available in Primo.

More information on how to search for conference proceedings within Primo can be found in the Conference Proceedings Library Guide or by viewing additional library screencast videos on the topic.

[Return to detailed information page in Web of Science]

If you are unable to access a proceeding through “Get it @ Waterloo” or Primo, then another place to check is the publisher or sponsoring association’s website.

For this paper that is the International Medical Informatics Association.

[Open Website for International Medical Informatics Association]

This is the website for the International Medical Informatics Association.

Sometimes the full-text of a conference paper will be freely available from the publishing organization or conference sponsor.

Search their website for relevant conference publications or links to the desired conference website.

In this case, previous conference papers were not available.

So, this paper isn’t available through Get it @ Waterloo, Primo, or the sponsoring association.

What are the remaining options?

[Return to SFX page and RACER link]

The item can be requested using RACER, the library’s interlibrary loan service.

RACER allows you to obtain a copy of the item from another library.

RACER can be accessed from the “Get it @ Waterloo” search screen shown here, from the RACER link found in Primo, or from the library website under the “Services” page.

When accessing RACER from a “Get it @ Waterloo” search, the RACER form will be automatically populated with the required citation information.

To submit a RACER request, you must log-in using the barcode from your Watcard and your last name.

Additional information on RACER and how to place a request can be found on the RACER interlibrary loan page, located under the services menu on the library website.

[Return to conference paper on WOS]

Finally, another search option is to try a search for the paper’s authors, to see if they have gone on to publish a full journal article based on the conference paper.

This type of search can be repeated in other relevant databases if you are unsuccessful.

I’ve already filled in the search boxes and changed the drop-down menu to author for my search.

My search in Web of Science for Alvarez and Zelmer , the authors of conference paper that has been the basis of this search, does not reveal a journal article based on the original paper.

However, it does lead to another conference paper on a similar topic titled: “Standardization in health informatics in Canada”, which may be of interest.

You can click on the title for more information.

By following the “Get it @ Waterloo” link in the top left corner of the screen...... we find that this paper is available electronically through the library.

I will select the Scholar’s Portal link to confirm the availability of full-text.

As indicated, the paper is available and the PDF can be downloaded by clicking on the full-text PDF icon above the abstract information.

[Summary Clip]

This video has demonstrated a complex search for a conference paper.

We learned that the full-text of conference proceedings can be found in research databases using “Get it @ Waterloo”, in Primo or TRELLIS, or by checking out the sponsoring association or publisher website.

If you are unable to access the item through the library or the web consider placing an inter-library loan request through RACER.

Other options are to find similar works by the authors or find a journal article publication based on the conference paper.

The best way to try this is by conducting an author search in a relevant database.

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For additional help searching for conference proceedings, the library has created a library guide and several additional screencast videos.

You can also contact your subject librarian or get in touch with library staff using the “Ask a Librarian” service found under the left navigation menu on the library website.