Pharmacognosy Network Worldwide (www.phcog.net) has established a blog for researchers interested in Pharmacognosy and medicinal plant research. The Inside Pharmacognosy – A Blog website can be accessed at http://www.pharmacognosy.in/. The blog combines reviews of new publications related to this expanding field with profiles of international departments and institutes that are engaged in Pharmacognosy research. A recent visit to the website showed 14 reviews of Pharmacognosy related books and texts, 4 profiles of Pharmacognosy research departments and details of an independent pharmacognosy consulting service, for the month of May 2011 alone. The blog began in October 2010 and has been steadily growing since, to reach its current size.

Archives of previous posts are also readily available for access by readers of the blog.

The blog also serves to notify readers of the publication of new issues of journals under the Pharmacognosy Network umbrella. The names, scope and contacts of other related journals within the pharmacognosy/natural product/plant science fields are also provided in the blog. This is a valuable resource for researchers deciding for which journal their research is best suited. The blog is well set out and easy to use. The reader can either read the latest posts or search for relevant articles under the categories of books, databases, departments worldwide, journals, organisations/associations and resources. Whether you are involved in phytochemical studies, bioactivity investigations or ethnobotanical research, Inside Pharmacognosy – A Blog is worth visiting, bookmarking and/or signing up for the blog newsletter (this is a free notification service). I encourage all researchers in pharmacognosy and related fields to read this site and submit relevant articles. I reviewed this site on 3rd June 2011.