

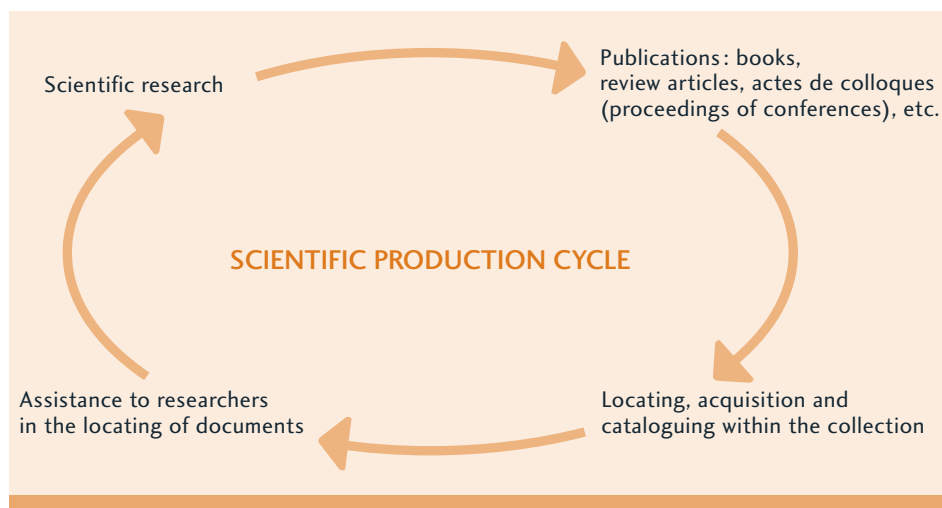


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¹ Passwords for the databanks of *ProQuest* are available at the CDC by request.