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## **14. SURVEY OF INFORMATION SKILLS TRAINING AMONG STUDENTS**

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### **Abstract**

This paper reports on survey of information skills training among students. The common answers given by the students were: knowing how to search for information efficiently, using online databases and using Internet Resources effectively. The training programme also increased the students' ability to use the electronic resources that were provided by the library. The students also indicated that through the training programme they know how to use library OPAC / Webpac (OPAC via Internet) effectively. The students indicated that with information skills they know to use internet resources and services correctly, such as encyclopedia online, dictionary online, atlases / map online and the search engines, Yahoo and Google. UPM's and UKM's students prefer to use the keyword search techniques rather than Boolean operators because it is easier to use. The students also probably do not know how to construct a search statement using the relevant Boolean operators.

### **14.1 Students Background**

Thirty students were selected for the interview session. The sample was chosen systematically from the attendance list obtained from the librarian in-charge of training of each university library. They were from various background of study. An interview guide was used in the interview sessions. Table 14.1 shows the number of respondents interviewed.