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FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR :

Another year full of new developments such as the Infoportal, the launch of Science Direct, new e-books and e-journals. is drawing to an end.

Two of our colleagues went to Budapest for the 4th International Conference of Animal Health Information Specialists and we won the bid for the 2005 ICAHIS Conference! Read more in this issue of Infomania.

As this is the last issue for 2003 we would like to wish all our clients a well-earned rest during the December holidays. We look forward to bringing new services and products to you in 2004.

As always your comments will be most welcome.
Tertia Coetsee (Editor)

Infomania is also available online at:

<http://www.up.ac.za/asservices/ais/vet/infomani.htm>



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NEWS



Marguerite Nel

Science Direct is currently one of the most used electronic journal databases in the Faculty of Veterinary Science. Most users enjoy the user-friendly interface, and all the additional features, like TOC alerts, "Cited by" and **Scirus**, to mention only a few.

Today I want to introduce you to **EBSCOhost** also a very valuable database.

EBSCOhost isn't only a collection of electronic journals. It includes a variety of databases, with subject areas such as business management, psychology, medicine, pharmacology, education, sport, biology, and many more.

The following databases are available on EBSCO HOST:

[Academic Search Premier](#)

[Business Source Premier](#)

[MasterFILE Premier](#)

[Newspaper Source](#)

[Regional Business News](#)

[ERIC](#)

MEDLINE

Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition

Health Source - Consumer Edition

Clinical Pharmacology

Econlit

PsycINFO

MLA International Bibliography

MLA Directory of Periodicals

Humanities Abstracts

SPORTDiscus

Biological Abstracts 1995- 2003

TOC Premier

TOC Premier

This database is the newest addition to the list for the University of Pretoria. It provides table of contents information for over 23,000 of the most recently published journals. Types of journals range from business to scientific, technical and medical as well as general interest. This database contains over 18 million citation records, dating back to 1995. It is updated daily on EBSCOhost.

Information Specialists of the Academic Information Service have decided to use **TOC Premier** for the provision of Table of Contents alert services to their clients. Due to the user-friendly interface, you can set up and manage your own Table of Contents alerts.

EBSCOhost Electronic Journals Service (EJS)

To access the electronic journals available on **EBSCO**, you have to use **EBSCOhost Electronic Journals Service (EJS)**. **EBSCOhost Electronic Journals Service (EJS)** is your gateway to thousands of

e-journals containing millions of articles from hundreds of different publishers, all at one web site. For students, **EJS** can help you quickly find the articles you need to get your research papers and other assignments done in record time. **EJS** puts all the e-journals made available to you by your library in a single place on the Web, so you don't have to jump all over the place to find the articles you need.

All the **EBSCO** products can be accessed through [TYDS@TUKS](#).

Please make use of this wonderful collection of electronic information. If you need any assistance or training on this product, feel free to contact your information specialist for a training session.

For more information or assistance in using [Tyds@tuks](#) or one of the other e-journal databases, please contact:

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JOURNAL of CITATION REPORTS

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The JCR provides easy access to data that helps you evaluate and compare scholarly journals. It is an essential, comprehensive, and unique resource tool for journal evaluation, using citation data

drawn from over 8,400 journals from over 3,000 publishers worldwide

The *JCR* is the only source of citation data on journals, and includes virtually all specialties in the areas of science, technology, and the social sciences. *JCR Web* shows the relationship between citing and cited journals in a clear, easy-to-use framework.

The *JCR* can show you the:

- highest impact journals
- most frequently used journals
- hottest journals
- largest journals

Citation and article counts are important indicators of how frequently current researchers are using individual journals. By tabulating and aggregating citation and article counts, the *JCR* offers a unique perspective for journal evaluation and comparison

View the *JCR Web tutorial*

(<http://www.isinet.com/tutorials/jcrweb/>) for more information on how to use *JCR Web*. This product can be accessed from Web of Science, a hyperlink available in "Library in your Office" on the Library's Website.



TWO NEW INFORMATION PRODUCTS:

1. The **OXFORD ENGLISH DICTIONARY** is now accessible online from UpExplore (the library's catalogue).

Click on the following link:

<http://explore.up.ac.za/search/toed+online/toed+online/1,1,1,B/frameset&FF=toed+online&0,,0>

2. **Oxford Reference Online** can be accessed at the following address:

<http://www.oxfordreference.com/views/GLOBAL.html>

This collection covers all subjects including Art, Mythology, Religion and Science.

"The ultimate reference library from the world's first name in reference".

The English Language Reference section includes the following sources:

Oxford Dictionary of Abbreviations

Oxford Dictionary of English Grammar

Concise Oxford Companion to the English Language

Concise Oxford Dictionary of Proverbs

WORLDWIDE VETERINARY LIBRARIANS GET-TOGETHER

Erica van der Westhuizen

The 4th International Conference of Animal Health Information Specialists (4ICAHIS) was held in Budapest, Hungary, 6 - 9 August this year. These conferences take place every 3 - 4 years and are the only time that most of the world's veterinary information specialists can get together and share knowledge and expertise with colleagues, as most countries only have one veterinary library. The theme of the conference was FROM PAPER TO ELECTRONIC: ANIMAL HEALTH INFORMATION IN TRANSITION.



Antoinette Lourens and colleagues in the historic reading room of the Library of the Veterinary University of Hungary.

Antoinette Lourens from the SU: Veterinary Science of the AIS, presented a paper on E-information services at the AIS, with particular focus on the SU:Vet. Antoinette's PowerPoint presentations are always a pleasure to watch, and her use of the Johnny Clegg songs, "Under an African sky" and "Asimbonanga", made it a hit!

Erica had the task of chairing the session on User education and information literacy. With two excellent papers by information specialists from top USA veterinary libraries, it was a most interesting session and elicited much discussion. Imagine, one veterinary library (North Caroline State University) even lends Personal Digital Assistants (PDA's) to students so that their record-keeping, student notes, patient records and information searches can all be done electronically.

We agreed that this conference provided us with much to think about and we will hopefully incorporate some new ideas into our way of doing things. We also know that some of the products that we have introduced in the AIS have aroused interest in overseas libraries (USA in particular), such as the Virtual Groups of the Infoportal.

We enjoyed a variety of visits during the conference - libraries in former palaces, wonderful rare book collections, dinner sailing down the Danube, and to end it all a hilarious middle-ages feast at a reconstructed 14th C. castle.

But what made the whole trip truly worthwhile? The COP of veterinary information specialists - we are part of a special community of practice and attending meetings such as this one, enables us all to improve our information provision roles for the benefit of the clients we serve.

(See the picture on the back page)



Erica making our bid

We are very pleased to announce that our bid to host the next International Conference of Animal Health Information Specialists at Onderstepoort was accepted!

It will take place at the beginning of July 2005.

To see the bid visit:

<http://www.up.ac.za/asservices/ais/vet/bid.ppt>

CAT LAWS



- 1. Law of Cat Inertia** - A cat at rest it rest, unless acted upon by some outside force - such as the opening of cat food, or a nearby scurrying mouse.
- 2. Law of Cat Motion** - A cat will move in a straight line, unless there is a really good reason to change direction.
- 3. Law of Cat Magnetism** - All blue blazers and black sweaters attract cat hair in direct proportion to the darkness of the fabric.
- 4. Law of Cat Thermodynamics** - Heat flows from a warmer to a cooler body, except in the case of a cat, in which case all heat flows to the cat.
- 5. Law of Cat Stretching** - A cat will stretch to a distance proportional to the length of the nap just taken.

COLLECTION MANAGER BY BLACKWELL'S

Antoinette Lourens

Would you like to be notified of new publications in your field of interest? There is a brand new product by Blackwell's on the market to help keep you updated. It is called *Collection Manager* and will notify you via e-mail of new additions.

Collection Manager can provide reports announcing when new titles have been published that match your profiles and sub-profiles. The reports can be sent to you via email or can be delivered in Collection Manager according to your specifications.

To create a subscription, your report details and delivery preferences must be entered, and profiles, sub profiles, and/or subjects must be selected.

Your first report will be sent to you within 30 minutes after subscription. Subsequent reports will follow according to the frequency you have indicated.

If you are interested in this service please contact you information specialist, Erica van der Westhuizen, Tertia Coetsee or Antoinette Lourens, to receive a file in which you can mark you profiles and/or sub profiles.



LONGTERM LOANS

In November 2002 renewal lists will be printed and sent to every Department and section in the Faculty. Please check the books in your possession against this list. Return all books no longer needed on a long term basis and make sure that the other books listed are available for renewal. In January 2004 a person from the Library will come to your section to extend and stamp the book loan for the 2004 period.

Please note that every section is allowed a maximum of 20 Longterm books.

INFOPORTAL DISPLAY

Erica van der Westhuizen

Faculty Day gave us the opportunity to bring the Infoportal to the attention of staff and students. The display we used had been designed and created for the main library by Interior Architecture students to highlight the Academic Information Service's latest innovation project.

Computers showing Infoportal functions were installed on 2 petrol drums and builders' scaffolding was used to create the feel of an "in-process" product.

What is the Infoportal? Your personal starting point for all information management related activities.

<http://infoportal.up.ac.za>



The Infoportal display at Faculty Day 2003

GETTING A CLICK ON E-BOOKS!

Amelia Breytenbach

The following electronic books and information websites are now available via UPexplore database and the UPPortal

- Primate Info Net
- Oxford Reference Online
- Proceedings of the First Workshop on Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome, 2003
- Comfortable quarters for laboratory animals
- King Ranch Quarter horses
- Nutrient requirements of fish
- Eco-economy: building an economy for the earth
- Risk assessments of Salmonella in eggs and broiler chickens: main technical report
- Risk assessments of salmonella in eggs and broiler chickens: interpretative summary
- Clinical neurology in small animals: localization, diagnosis and treatment
- Terrestrial Animal Health Code 2003

If you know of any free e-books available online which do not appear in our catalogue please send us e-mail at: abreyten@op.up.ac.za

THE NEW ENHANCED CABDIRECT

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CAB Direct helps you find the most up to date, relevant and reliable information in the applied life sciences. In response to customer demand, the functionality of CAB Direct has recently been upgraded with improved functionality and a new look and feel. CAB will still provide a link to the previous version of CAB Direct, until December 2003

What's new?

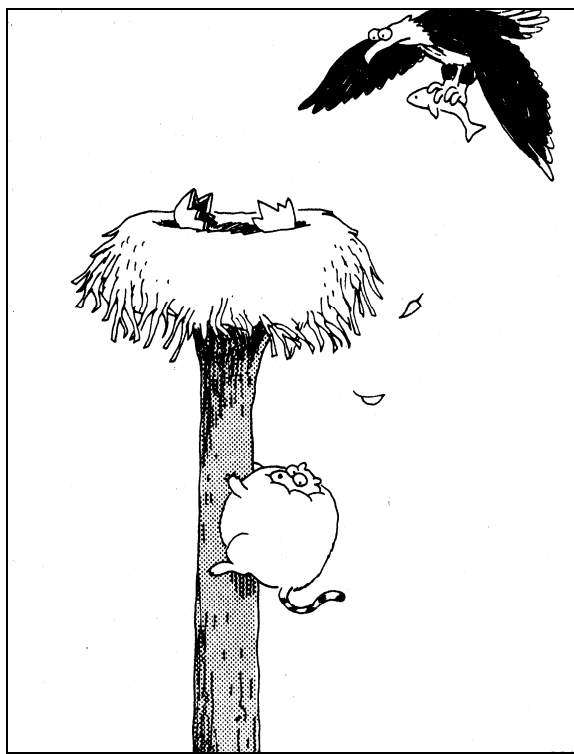
- **Additional search options.**
Three levels of search options, enabling users to carry out searches in a variety of ways, best suited to their needs.
- **Browse Functionality**
The browse function provides a quick overview or look-up of content where the user may not have a specific term in mind for searching. The browse feature appears on every search level with five fields to choose from to make searching even more simple.

- **Cab Thesaurus**
This essential facility is now fully searchable and browsable.

- **Refine search feature**
The refine search allows users to compile another search within the retrieved documents already on display. This enables users to narrow down their search in a simple and effective way for more refined results.
- **Related Entries search**
This facility allows users to retrieve similar information to the record displayed,

- Linking to full text
The linking is significantly enhanced on the new database platform, now enabling linkage to a variety of different resources.

Please visit (<http://www.cabdirect.org/beta>) and let us know what you think



REFERENCE MANAGER

Reference Manager has moved !!!. Fortunately not too far away.

It is now available on RANCOR (the OP server) Drive G

G:\Rancor\appl\RM9\ReferenceManager9

Network\Program\Instrm9w.exe

Double click on Instrm9w.exe and follow the instructions to download Reference Manager.

Need any help?

Please contact Antoinette Lourens X8008 or alourens@op.up.ac.za

EXCITING WEBSITES TO VISIT !

World Health News

<http://www.worldhealthnews.harvard.edu/>

Welcome to World Health News, an online news digest from the Centre for Health Communication at the Harvard School of Public Health. The site covers critical public health issues from around the world. It is designed to be a resource for an international audience of policy makers and journalists as well as public health researchers, practitioners, and advocates.

Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations

<http://www.fao.org/>

The FAO is encouraging sustainable agriculture and rural development, a long-term strategy for increasing food production and food security while conserving and managing natural resources.

Their website contains a wealth of information to support this mission and very often publications are available full-text.

World Health Organisation

<http://www.who.int/en/>

WHO's mission is to promote improved standards of teaching and training in the health, medical and related professions; to provide information, counsel and assistance in the field of health and to develop, establish and promote international standards with respect to food, biological, pharmaceutical and similar products.

To support the above mentioned this valuable website supplies information on disease outbreaks and a variety of other health topics, travellers' health information e.g. inoculations etc..

Office International des Epizooties

http://www.oie.int/eng/en_index.htm

The OIE wants to improve knowledge of the world animal health situation. They therefore supply news and information on animal health matters. The website includes information on the status of diseases, animal welfare, food safety, standards, guidelines and recommendations developed under the auspices of the OIE. A large collection of their publications are also available on their website.

SA ePUBLICATIONS UPDATE!

Antoinette Lourens

A most comprehensive, searchable collection of full-text electronic South African journals!

Interest shown by an increasing number of South African publishers and editors has made it possible for Sabinet Online to grow the SA ePublications Service to include more than 131 online journals. This mark was reached in the short period of only 6 months.

To add further value to the service, Sabinet Online also provides its SA ePublications subscribers with access to the indexes and abstracts of more than 500 South African publications, with some of the indexed articles dating back to the early 1980's.

Sabinet Online will focus on the acquisition of further content during 2003 by continuing its negotiations with publishers. It aims to have at least 150 publications online before the end of the year.

SA ePublications can be accessed directly via Sabinet's homepage (<http://aclib.sabinet.co.za>) or searched as a database via Magnet.

A list of the available publications in the SA ePublications service may be viewed at http://www.journals.co.za/ejour/ejour_pub.html



The Hungarian Grey Breed
- the emblem of the
Veterinary University in
Budapest.



The attendants of the 4th International Conference of Animal
Health Information Specialists in Budapest