

# InfoMania



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## FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR :

It is almost the end of 2009 and everybody is rushing to finalise the last tasks of 2009. Spoil yourself with a little feet up time and read about what is happening in the library.

In this last 2009 issue of the newsletter we are discussing the results of the LibQual survey done earlier in the year and we are also highlighting the areas needing attention.

We tell you more about the library's naming ceremony during May this year and introduce some of the guests at this ceremony.

Our new Library manager, Susan Marsh is introduced and two of our staff members write about their visit to Australia for a conference.

A quick overview of the digitised collections available on UPSpace, the digital platform of the University of Pretoria, is given.

Sir Arnold Theiler is once again interviewed by the librarian and he is really stunned by the fact that articles can be published in electronic format.

We hope that you will find this issue of Infomania very informative and worthwhile. The Library wishes you all a well deserved and peaceful Christmas holiday.

## Tertia Coetsee (Editor)

This newsletter is also available electronically at  
<http://www.library.up.ac.za/vet/infomania/infomani.htm>

## LIBQUAL 2009 SURVEY OF SOGA LIBRARY

*Erica van der Westhuizen*

LibQUAL+® (<http://www.libqual.org>) is a suite of services that libraries use to solicit, track, understand, and act upon users' opinions of service quality. These services are offered to the library community by the Association of Research Libraries (ARL).

The program's centerpiece is a rigorously tested Web-based survey paired with training that helps libraries assess and improve library services, change organizational culture, and market the library. The survey instrument measures library users' minimum, perceived, and desired service levels of service quality across three dimensions:

Affect of Service, Information Control, and Library as Place.

The goals of LibQUAL+® are to:

- Foster a culture of excellence in providing library service
- Help libraries better understand user perceptions of library service quality
- Facilitate the on-going collection and interpretation of library user feedback
- Provide comparable information from peer institutions
- Identify best practices in library service
- Enhance library staff members' analytical skills for interpreting, and acting on data

More than 1,000 libraries have participated in LibQUAL+®, including Canadian government libraries, colleges and universities, community colleges, health sciences and hospital/medical libraries, law libraries, public libraries, and secondary school libraries—some through various consortia, others as independent participants. LibQUAL+® has expanded internationally, with participating institutions in Africa, Australia, Asia and Europe. It has been translated into a number of languages, including Afrikaans, Chinese (Traditional), Danish, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Japanese, Norwegian, Spanish, Swedish, and Welsh. The growing LibQUAL+® community of participants and its extensive dataset are rich resources for improving library services.

**The 2009 survey of the Jotello F. Soga Library highlighted the following areas needing attention:**

Improving communication between the Library and clients regarding information sources :

- not all veterinary journals (e.g. Veterinary Technician) are as yet electronically available in full text format
- the book budget does not allow us to purchase multiple copies of text books for extended loan

Improving training sessions to enable clients to access the library website and e-journal collections more effectively

Marking quiet study areas upstairs for clients needing to study. Indicating clearly that areas near Library Counter and in Reserved Collection area are not for study, but for groups working together on projects. There is also a group area upstairs in the Audio Visual Room.

Marking journal shelves more effectively to show which titles are now only available electronically.

Marketing the use of the computers in the adjacent Computer Laboratory for student assignments and for printing. These computers are connected to the network so all databases etc. on the library system can be accessed there as well.

Encouraging clients (lecturers and students) to attend training sessions offered throughout the year. This is of importance especially to students in their first year of study at the Onderstepoort Campus.

**We would like to thank all clients who kindly participated in the survey, enabling us to improve our services and products.**

We will be using plasma screens , posters in the Computer Lab and the cafeteria, notices on our Website, online messages to Everyone, as well as focused articles in newsletters of the Library and the Faculty to keep our clients informed.

We intend visiting clients in their offices as well to improve communication.

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### **MINUTES OF THE SOGA LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3 AUGUST 2009 AT 13:00**

*Erica van der Westhuizen*

1. PRESENT: Dr Jevan Christie (CACS), Ms Heleen Els (Production Animal Studies), Amelia Breytenbach, Marguerite Nel, Tertia Coetsee, Antoinette Lourens, Erica vd Westhuizen and Susan Marsh  
APOLOGIES : Prof Roy Meintjes (Anat & Phys), Dr June Williams (Paraclin Sciences), Dr Volker Schwan (VTD)  
A special word of welcome to Ms Susan Marsh who will be taking over as Manager of the Soga Library from October when the present head retires.
2. BOOK FUNDS: it was noted that there were still funds available for book and CD/DVD purchases for one copy per title.
3. LIBQUAL SURVEY: it was noted that perceptions of PG students regarding library services had improved since the last survey of 2005, but that Academic staff comments showed that communication with them should be improved. The library staff will focus now on training of academic staff to ensure that they

are able to access the electronic information sources effectively, including finding full text articles.

4. **LONGTERM LOANS AND RENEWALS:** Faculty users are thanked for their cooperation in ensuring that longterm loans are either returned or renewed timeously, and that invoices of lost items are forwarded for payment.
5. **OP JOURNAL DIGITISATION PROGRESS:** it was noted that the OPJVR had been scanned from its beginning in 1903 till 2003 and that the articles (after the derivation process) were gradually being uploaded in the UP institutional repository, UPSpace in Open Access for worldwide use. The importance of preserving and improving accessibility of the early research outputs of South African veterinary researchers as well as the data which they used in their research regarding animal diseases of Africa in particular, cannot be over-emphasised.

Another very important digitised collection in UPSpace, the SA National Veterinary Repository, is going from strength to strength. The NATIONAL VETERINARY REPOSITORY consists of digitised documents, photos, slides, video clips etc of historical importance. It will serve the veterinary / animal research community both in South Africa and other countries. Items included in this repository come from the Faculty of Veterinary Science and the ARC-OVI.

6. **LIBRARY WEBSITE:** Antoinette Lourens is responsible for the Soga Library webpage. She changed the first page to comply with the UP webpage requirements, but the other pages are still in the old template.
7. **TRAINING SCHEDULE 2009:** the schedule was handed out to committee members and it was noted that it can be found on the library webpage as well. Sessions will take place during lunch hours in August, September and October. The session on Improving research output was noted.
8. **SLIDE COLLECTIONS IN UPSPACE:** it was noted that funds had been obtained from Education Innovation to upload the slides of departments that were digitised a few years ago. These slides can only be submitted to UPSpace if there are descriptions or keywords to be used in the metadata. Pharm & Tox had supplied theirs and their submission was now complete. The Library staff are now busy with the Pathology slides. Production Animal Studies, through Heleen Els had now given a selection on breeds to be digitised and submitted to UPSpace. It was noted that the other departments should submit selections from their slide collections to be placed in UPSpace as well. Dr Christie undertook to send his Powerpoint containing slides that the library staff could submit. He agreed to pass the request for more slides from CACS to his colleagues.  
It was noted that only material for which UP staff held the copyright could be submitted to UPSpace. Items are scaled down to 150 dpi to prevent their re-use by others, and each slide will have a watermark for copyright purposes.

**GENERAL:** it was noted that the Open Access mandate that the Dept of Library Services had received would require UP authors to submit their research articles to OpenUP, the Open Access collection of UP publications.

It was agreed that Dr Christie's recommendation that posters presented at Faculty Days should also be uploaded in UPSpace be approved. Authors of posters will be asked if they wish to participate in this new project.

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### **A NEW STAFF MEMBER IN THE LIBRARY**

*Erica van der Westhuizen* retired Head.

It is a great pleasure to introduce the new Head of the Jotello F. Soga Library, Mrs Susan Marsh.

She is a well known staff member in the Department of Library Services where she has been employed in various capacities since 1981. The past 10 years she was head of the Basic Medical Sciences and Dentistry Library, so she comes with relevant background knowledge and experience in the health information environment.

Susan's main interest lies in scholarly communication, especially in the field of electronic publication and Open Access. So she will be involved in driving this UP focus at the Faculty.

We wish Susan much success and pleasure in her new position.



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### **VISIT TO AUSTRALIA BY MARGUERITE NEL AND TERTIA COETSEE - SEPTEMBER 2009**

*Marguerite Nel*

Tertia Coetsee and Marguerite Nel from the Jotello F. Soga Library attended the 10<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Medical Librarianship and the 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Animal Health Information Specialists (6ICAHIS) from 31 August to 5 September 2009 in Brisbane Australia. They were funded by the Library Services Conference funds as well as the self-generated funds of the Jotello F. Soga Library. They were



awarded a scholarship from the ICML organisers which further helped to cover their costs. Erica van der Westhuizen also attended the veterinary librarians' conference, 6ICAHIS, and she funded herself.

This Congress is held every four or five years giving the health library sector an opportunity to come together to address major issues confronting the profession.

The 6th International Conference of Animal Health Information Specialists (ICAHIS) was held with the ICML. This was the second time the ICAHIS Conference was held in association with the ICML. Following on from the 5th Conference held in South Africa in July 2005, which was hosted by us, it was a great opportunity meeting again other librarians specialising in animal health from around the world to discuss a range of issues relevant to our profession.

Five hundred delegates from over 43 countries attended the 2009 ICML conference in Brisbane. The keynote speakers were outstanding and of a very high quality. To give you an idea, we want to mention some of the outstanding papers:

Jeffery Drazen is the Editor in Chief of the New England Journal of Medicine. He discussed the importance of communicating research findings, specifically referring to a research project to develop a new medicine which was supposed to lower cholesterol.



Prof Ian Frazer is the Director of Diamantina Institute for Cancer, Immunology and Metabolic Medicine, University of Queensland. He discussed the important role of libraries to preserve knowledge and research for the future.

Another interesting and entertaining presenter was Prof John Pearn, who looked at reasons why some publications become best sellers and others not.

The scientific programme consisted of 6 concurrent sessions each day. One of these sessions was devoted to the ICAHIS conference. There was also an exhibition of posters in the exhibition area.

A paper titled *Information services and products for Phytomedicine and Ethno-veterinary medicine: supporting new research niche areas in Africa*, was delivered at the ICAHIS session by Tertia and Marguerite.

Marguerite also presented another paper, *An Investigation into the Information Behaviour of Veterinary Practitioners in South Africa* at the same conference. Erica presented a paper, *African indigenous knowledge: dissemination of IK*

*related information in the Onderstepoort Veterinary Institute Library and the Jotello F. Soga Library, Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria*, which she prepared in collaboration with David Swanepoel, from the Onderstepoort Veterinary Institute Library. All these papers are held in a collection in the UQ eSpace repository. The URL is: <http://espace.library.uq.edu.au/collection/UQ:179364>. It will soon also be available on our own repository, UPSpace.

During the closing ceremony, a brief overview was given on the whole conference and everybody agreed this was one of the best organised ICML conferences ever.

#### Library visits

##### Brisbane

The tour to the University of Queensland libraries focused mainly on the physical facilities. We were impressed with the "State of the Art" facilities and resources which include amongst others a garden, spaces for multiple learning styles and access to information technologies.

Open spaces with large areas for study and collaboration, study cubicles in quiet areas as well as a variety of seminar rooms are available with modern, hi tech furniture and facilities to facilitate study and research. Wireless network access is available for all enrolled students. Special areas and facilities are allocated to post graduate students.



##### Sydney



The Badham library serves the Veterinary faculty of the University of Sydney. Here facilities were less impressive than at the Queensland library. They deliver more or less the same services as our Jotello F Soga library, which also serves the Veterinary faculty. The team leader of this library, Karen Black and her team also showed us their electronic products. They focus a lot on developing student's research



and information skills. There is also an increased interest in digital repositories and preservation of the knowledge products of the university as well as the community. They outsource much of the digitization process. Our overall impression was that our digital repository is more developed at this stage.

Australia is a first world country, but the University of Pretoria, although in a totally different environment, competes at the same level.

When looking at their services and products, we actually felt proud of what we are able to achieve with less money and resources.

We learned a lot from the conference as well as all the visits to other university libraries. We built new contacts through networking with professionals from all over the world, caught up with old friends, shared ideas and laughed and discussed similar situations and obstacles. But at the end, we felt proud to be South Africans – to be connected to the University of Pretoria Libraries and to know that we are part of a world - leading institution.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent the University of Pretoria Library at a significant international event.

[More photos can be viewed at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/13687587@N03/>]

### **DIGITIZED COLLECTIONS OF THE FACULTY OF VETERINARY SCIENCE ACCESSIBLE IN UPSPACE**

*Amelia Breytenbach*

Several collections have been digitized and made available on UPSpace, the digital platform of the University of Pretoria, during the past three years. The collections contain digitised historical and other material of interest to the veterinary science community. The collections include digital resources such as photos and slides, postcards, books, journal articles, etc. To prevent unauthorized usage, downscaled versions of the original images are uploaded and a copyright watermark is also embedded in each image on request of the copyright owner/s. The initiative at the Faculty of Veterinary is driven by the Jotello F. Soga Library personnel in conjunction with the heads of the various departments at the Faculty. Some of the collections are:

**Research articles published by the Faculty:** The collection contains published research articles authored and co-authored by members of staff, students and affiliates of the University of Pretoria, Faculty of Veterinary Science. Copyright clearance was obtained by the OpenUp team and 240 articles are uploaded presently in the Research articles collection of each Faculty department.

View collection: <http://repository.up.ac.za/upspace/handle/2263/78>

**Pathology slide collection:** The collection contains a selection of slides made available by Prof L Prozesky to showcase the research done in the Dept Paraclinical Sciences, Section Pathology. Metadata attached to the slides were supplied by Prof. JA Lawrence

View collection: <http://repository.up.ac.za/upspace/handle/2263/7998>

**Elephant Biomedical Illustrations:** Part of the Christine Seegers Biomedical Illustrations collection. Christine Seegers is one of the few biomedical artists in South Africa. She was responsible for biomedical illustrations of wild and domestic animals while she was employed in the Department of Anatomy. The collection was uploaded with the permission of Prof HB Groenewald who kindly assisted with the metadata descriptions for the illustrations.

View collection: <http://repository.up.ac.za/upspace/handle/2263/1972>

**Poisonous Plants Collection:** A selection of slides created by lecturers in the Section of Pharmacology & Toxicology, Dept of Paraclinical Sciences, University of Pretoria. The focus of the collection is the botanical description and distribution of the plants in Southern Africa and also the clinical signs, necropsy, syndromes and treatment of affected animals. The slides and metadata were made available by Prof CJ Botha for uploading on UPSpace. The slides were previously published on a CD-ROM: Botha, CJ & Venter, E 2002, 'Plants poisonous to livestock in Southern Africa' University of Pretoria, Faculty of Veterinary Science, Dept. of Paraclinical Sciences, Section of Pharmacology and Toxicology, Pretoria, South Africa.

View collection: <http://repository.up.ac.za/upspace/handle/2263/8082>

**Arnold Theiler collection:** Collection of photos and memorabilia of Sir Arnold Theiler (1867 - 1936), widely known as the father of veterinary science in South Africa. He was an outstanding researcher, administrator and teacher and made an enduring contribution to various disciplines both in South Africa and internationally. The collection was donated to the Jotello F. Soga Library by Prof A. Verster. The collection showcases photos of family, friends and colleagues. The digitized version of his doctoral dissertation submitted to the University of Bern, Switzerland in 1901, 'Malaria des Pferdes' (<http://repository.up.ac.za/upspace/handle/2263/172>) is part of the collection.

View collection: <http://repository.up.ac.za/upspace/handle/2263/80>

**Arnold Theiler Memorial Lectures:** A collection of presentations from invited speakers on Faculty day. The South African Veterinary Association gave permission to digitize three Arnold Theiler Memorial Lectures delivered by Thelma Gutsche (1984), HPA de Boom (1985) and BC Jansen (1986). Thelma Gutsche delivered the lecture



on the occasion of the First Faculty day of the Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria on 5 September 1984. View the lecture in UPspace at <http://repository.up.ac.za/upspace/handle/2263/3699>  
View collection: <http://repository.up.ac.za/upspace/handle/2263/900>

**Onderstepoort Journal of Veterinary Science:** Full text collection of journal articles from The Onderstepoort Journal of Veterinary Research first published by the Transvaal Department of Agriculture. The journal contains papers reporting on original research covering all aspects of veterinary science from 1903 onwards. The Equine Research Centre, Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria gave financial support to the digitisation project.  
View collection: <http://repository.up.ac.za/upspace/handle/2263/8641>

**Dept of Veterinary Tropical Diseases slide collection:** The collection consists of images from research done at the Dept. of Veterinary Tropical Diseases. Prof JAW Coetzer gave permission to upload a selection of the Department's comprehensive slide collection on UPspace. Prof RC Tustin did the selection and supplied the metadata descriptions for the slides covering a variety of infectious diseases of animals.  
View collection: <http://repository.up.ac.za/upspace/handle/2263/11373>

The collections on UPspace will become part of the collective web interface of the South Africa National Veterinary Repository (SANVR). This will be a gateway (information portal) to valuable research and educational material within and beyond South Africa and maintained by the Jotello F. Soga Library. Veterinary material by individuals and organizations involved in past and ongoing veterinary research in South Africa will be the foundation of the repository.

The Library wants to thank everyone who contributes in some way to upload and preserve veterinary material for historic purposes and to showcase the research output of the Faculty of Veterinary Science. If you are interested in uploading veterinary material to UPspace please contact the Jotello F. Soga Library or your information specialist.

### FACULTY DAY AT VETERINARY SCIENCE

*Erica van der Westhuizen*

The Faculty of Veterinary Science invited the 1996 winner of the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine, Prof Peter Doherty to deliver the Sir Arnold Theiler Memorial Lecture on Faculty Day 27 August this year.

It was a fascinating lecture with some great visual material. We have a copy of his book, *The Beginner's Guide to winning the Nobel Prize* in our library and it now has his signature.

He also kindly gave permission for us to place his lecture in UPspace in the Theiler Memorial Lectures Collection. The title of his lecture was: *Adventures in infection and immunity*. This was Science at its most entertaining!

This was my last Faculty Day. I would like to thank my colleagues for once again showing the Faculty and visitors what the Dept of Library Services undertakes to keep their clients' information and research needs their top priority. The digitised collections in UPspace are a valuable contribution to the preservation and accessibility of unique research material for the veterinary and animal health community worldwide.



Amelia Breytenbach sharing information with two students From left: Amelia Breytenbach, Marguerite Nel, Ria Groenewald and Tertja Coetsee

### WE HAVE BEEN NOTICED!

*Erica van der Westhuizen*

It was great seeing this evaluation of our electronic library services and products including our blog recently. Thank you to the IAALD blog (<http://laald.blogspot.com>) for noticing us.

As follows:

29 May 2009 [Pretoria Vet Sciences library reaches out with accessible tools](#)  
Earlier this year, this blog [IAALD] reported several discussions on [future library services](#) in agriculture. One of the approaches advocated was to transform libraries into more proactive spaces where information and knowledge are exchanged, often using new tools and approaches. The [Veterinary Sciences Library](#) at the University of Pretoria offers us some good examples of what can be done, in a pragmatic way:

The [home page](#) gives lots of search and navigation options (catalogue and google) They use Dspace for the [South African National Veterinary Repository](#)  
The Veterinary Science Dean supports [open access](#) and his Faculty staff also contribute to the university repository  
The library pages can be bookmarked on services like Delicious using an ['addthis'](#) widget.

The library's newsletter [Infomania](#) has a range of views and stories, as well as practical tips beyond 'pure' libraries  
They engage in several [special projects](#) and international networks linked to their mandate  
Their [blog](#) reports on major developments in the library services. The postings on service plans ([for 2009](#)) and achievements ([in 2008](#)) are especially useful - and offer transparency.

As we look at ways to enhance the [accessibility of agricultural information](#), such cases can help us identify the large and small pathways we can all adopt.

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### **CONVERSATIONS WITH SIR ARNOLD (5)**

*Erica van der Westhuizen*

*Librarian:* South Africa has two academic veterinary journals, the *Onderstepoort Journal of Veterinary Research* and the *Journal of the South African Veterinary Association*, both these journals were started during your lifetime?

*Sir Arnold:* Yes, I published in the OP journal, or rather the Report of the Director of Veterinary Research ... as it was first called. So it is still in existence?

*Librarian:* And it still has a good reputation within the scientific community world wide. Researchers consult the early issues as that is where the first ground breaking research on south African animal diseases appears.

*Sir Arnold:* I had to present very full reports on our activities at the young Institute which I founded in 1908, to show we were doing very original and relevant work on animal diseases.

Do you still have copies of the back issues containing the early research reports?

*Librarian:* Yes, but these days researchers like receiving or accessing publications electronically so we have embarked on a special project to bring your research straight to the modern user's desktop.

*Sir Arnold:* Desktop? What do you mean?

*Librarian:* Each issue of the OPJVR starting with those first Reports of the Director has been electronically scanned using the up-to-date scanning equipment of the University of Pretoria, called the Digi book scanner. The scanned images are then derivated to make them ready for electronic publication on the web. We have 2 veterinary students doing this derivation, and quality control is done by the Head of the Digitisation Unit of the Library Services, Ria Groenewald.

*Sir Arnold:* What do you mean by electronic publication on the web?

*Librarian:* The digitised articles are uploaded in the University's institutional repository, UPSPACE. Anyone with a computer and Internet connection can access these articles from anywhere in the world as they are Open Access. They can search through Google, one of the most popular search engines, by entering keywords such as the name of the collection (SA National Veterinary Repository) or an author's name (e.g. A. Theiler), or subjects covered in the article, e.g. African horse sickness.

*Sir Arnold:* This is quite fantastic and unbelievable! I need to hear more about the thing you call the web, and about Open Access.

### **ISSUES AVAILABLE OPEN ACCESS IN UPSPACE: ONDERSTEPSPOORT J. OF VETERINARY RESEARCH**

- 1903 Author and Subject Index to the Government Veterinary Reports of the Transvaal and Union of South Africa 1903 - 1932
- 1906 Report of the Government Veterinary Bacteriologist of the Transvaal 1906 - 1907
- 1907 Report of the Government Veterinary Bacteriologist of the Transvaal 1907 - 1908
- 1908 Report of the Government Veterinary Bacteriologist of the Transvaal 1908 - 1909
- 1909 Report of the Government Veterinary Bacteriologist of the Transvaal 1909 - 1910
- 1911 First Report of the Director of Veterinary Research, August 1911
- 1912 Second Report of the Director of Veterinary Research, October 1912
- 1915 Third and Fourth Reports of the Director of Veterinary Research 1915
- 1970 Onderstepoort Journal of Veterinary Research, Volume 37 1970

You will no doubt wonder why after we reached the publications of 1915 we suddenly uploaded the ones appearing in 1970. In issue 3 of vol.37, 1970 there is a very sought after article\* on African horse sickness and after receiving the umpteenth request for it we decided it would be much simpler if we made it electronically available, and so that is why it was uploaded before we finished with the earlier volumes.

\*Wetzel, H, Nevill, EM & Erasmus, BJ 1970, 'Studies on the transmission of African horsesickness', Onderstepoort Journal of Veterinary Research, vol. 37, no. 3, pp. 165-168.

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### **NAMING CEREMONY 5 MAY 2009**

*Erica van der Westhuizen*

The Veterinary Science Library of the University of Pretoria was named on 5 May 2009 by the Chancellor of the University in honour of the first South African to qualify as a veterinarian, Dr JOTELLO F. SOGA.

He studied at the Royal Dick College (which later became part of the University of Edinburgh), obtaining the veterinary degree in 1886. There was no veterinary training facility in South Africa until 1920 when Sir Arnold Theiler founded the Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria.

As the present Dean, Prof Gerry Swan pointed out: "Dr Soga played an important role in combating rinderpest and lung sickness as the first qualified South African veterinarian. Yet he is better known as a pioneer researcher in the study of toxic plants and their effect on animals."

Read more about Dr Jotello Soga on our website:<http://www.library.up.ac.za/vet/soga.htm>



*The bronze bust of Dr Jotello F. Soga was unveiled by his great granddaughter, Ms Carole Gallagher, assisted by Ms Thembi Soga, great granddaughter of Jotello's brother.*

The unveiling took place in the Library. The bust was created by Lusanne Peens. It is a copy of the one commissioned by the CEO of the Agricultural Research Council for the Jotello Soga Ethnoveterinary Garden at the Onderstepoort Veterinary Institute. It was unveiled there during the Centenary Celebrations of Onderstepoort in October 2008.



*After the unveiling: from l. to.r. Carole Gallagher, Prof Wiseman Nkuhlu (Chancellor of the University of Pretoria), Mrs Nkuhlu, Robert Moropa (Director of UP Library Services) and Thembi Soga*

Mr Jesse Lewis was the driving force behind our Soga project. He is a citizen of the United States, with a great interest in South African history. It was his article about Soga which alerted us to the significance of this South African veterinarian. It appeared in the Beeld supplement of 6 January 2007.

We were very honoured to have Jesse as our Guest Speaker at the Naming Ceremony on 5 May 2009.



*The photo shows Jesse chatting to the sculptor of the Soga bust, Lusanne Peens.*

### THE CHANCELLOR'S WELCOMING MESSAGE 5 MAY 2009

The Chancellor highlighted the role of the Faculty of Veterinary Science as it is the only one of its kind in the country and a national asset. "It is also the 2nd oldest of the 46 Faculties of Veterinary Science in Africa and the first in sub-Saharan Africa. Established by Sir Arnold Theiler in 1920 it has a long history of excellence in teaching and learning and it is expected in future to play a leading role in veterinary education in the SADC region and further afield in Africa.

Veterinarians and veterinary services are indispensable to the health and wellbeing of animals and humans and play an important role in the economy of South Africa. Among other things, they contribute to production of sustainable sources of safe protein of animal origin and the prevention of transmission of diseases from animals to humans.

Facilities at this faculty are comparable to the best in the world. Today we focus on one of these facilities, the Library. To sustain the high regard in which the faculty is held worldwide, an excellent library and information service is essential.

This Library provides a specialised information service to the faculty and extends this role to promote animal health information provision throughout sub-Saharan Africa.

This includes holding training workshops for veterinary librarians from other countries in Africa, launching community engagement projects such as Vet Books for Africa, and organising and hosting international conferences, for example the 1st Conference of Animal Health Information Workers in Africa in 1995, and the 5th International Conference of Animal Health Information Specialists in 2005 - another first for Africa.

By naming this important facility in honour of the first South African to qualify as a veterinary surgeon, we are honouring Dr Jotello Festiri Soga's unique and important role as a veterinarian in South Africa in the late 19th century.

Dr Soga serves as an exceptional role model and pioneer for the black community, encouraging and inspiring a growing number of students applying to study in this field.

To be present here today will thus make us all part of an historic and unique event that will add further relevancy and significance to the already rich history of excellence and distinction that is associated with this faculty."



## 100 USEFUL LINKS FOR E-BOOK LOVERS

(<http://www.onlinecourses.org/2009/11/11/100-useful-links-for-ebook-lovers/>)

You already know that the Internet is one of the most convenient, effective means of researching and finding information for your classes, but did you know that in some cases it can replace all of your hefty textbooks and reading assignments too? With ebooks, you can read, stream, and listen to lessons, classic literature, poetry and reference books on the Internet or your mobile device. Here are 100 useful links for ebook lovers.

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8. **Bartleby:** While Bartleby charges for some titles, it has a free ebook store here.
9. **bibliomania:** You will find over 2,000 classic texts from bibliomania, plus study guides, reference material and more.
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11. **eReader.com:** eReader.com has many classic lit selections for free.
12. **Read Print Library:** These novels, poems and poems are all free.
13. **Fictionwise:** Fictionwise has plenty of fiction, plus nonfiction books, mobile downloads and audio files.
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21. **The Online Books Page:** You'll be able to access over 35,000 free ebooks from this site, powered by the University of Pennsylvania.
22. **Starry.com:** These novels and anthologies were last updated in 2006, but you'll still find an interesting selection of online and virtual novels. *(To be continued in the next issue)*