

InfoMania



October 2019

FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR:

Welcome to the last edition of *Infomania* for 2019. We hope you'll find the newsletter informative.

The Jotello F. Soga Library welcomes new additions to our technologies. Read about "Science Direct Topics" and "Browse the Shelf at UP Libraries". Download the latest version of Endnote, Endnote 9 for Mac and Windows.

We provide more information about our LibGuides product and give feedback on a library conference attended by one of our staff members.

Lastly information on new student staff members and some snippets on Mandela Day, Faculty Day 2019 and the Anti-discrimination and Social Justice week are provided.

We hope you will enjoy this issue of *Infomania*, keeping you up-to-date on the latest happenings in your information world.

Tertia Coetsee (Editor)

ScienceDirect Topics

By Susan Marsh

"Science Direct Topics" is a free product launched by Elsevier, suppliers of the Science Direct and Scopus databases.

Any person can do a Google search on a term or concept e.g. "brucellosis" and just add "Science Direct Topics" to the enquiry to get to the "Science Direct Topics" product:

Abstract. **Brucellosis** is a worldwide zoonosis, usually transmitted to humans through **direct** contact with infected animals or consumption of unpasteurized milk. The main symptoms are fever, sweating, malaise, anorexia, headache, arthralgias, myalgias, backache, and weight loss.

[Brucellosis - ScienceDirect.com](https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/medicine-and-dentistry/brucellosis)

[https://www.sciencedirect.com > topics > medicine-and-dentistry > brucellosis](https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/medicine-and-dentistry/brucellosis)

By following the link, access to a large collection of topics, built on Science Direct's trustworthy book content, is offered with definitions, alternative terms and snippets of information to quickly improve researchers' understanding of topics across multi-disciplinary literature and eventually contribute to researchers' productivity.

Access to the full content of a source will depend on the subscription of the institution the researcher is affiliated to.

LibGuide – Subject Guide – “How-to” guide

By Susan Marsh

The product “LibGuides” is effective in curating resources, publishing content and sharing knowledge of libraries’ offering to their clients

<https://springshare.com/libguides/>

It’s been quite a while that our library has been using this product. Every information specialist at the library, across the whole spectrum of academic subject areas, creates LibGuides pages to assist clients to use the library’s services and products more effectively.

An alphabetical list of all these guides can be found on the [library’s home page](#) under “Search” – “Subject guides”.

A great variety of topics are provided, e.g. Copyright, EndNote x9, Predatory Publications and Research Data Management.

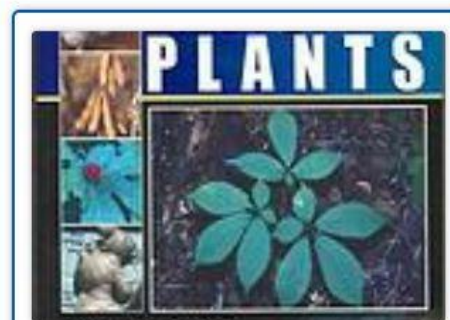
“[Veterinary Science](#)” has its own LibGuide and covers “finding information” (databases, books, journals and interlending), “using information” (plagiarism, copyright and referencing), “publishing” (theses & dissertations, where to publish, predatory journals and research visibility), veterinary legislation and PG administrative documentation supplied by the faculty.

There is also a separate LibGuide for “[Veterinary Science Faculty Newsletters](#)”, the digitised “[Onderstepoort Journal of Veterinary Science](#)” and the “[South African National Veterinary Repository](#)” (SANVR). The SANVR LibGuide gives access to a large number of digitised veterinary science collections. With the Centenary of the Faculty almost at hand, useful historical information about the Faculty of Veterinary Science can be found here.

We would really like to encourage our clients to make use of this product and send us feedback on information you would like to be added.

🔍 Browse the Shelf

at University of Pretoria Libraries

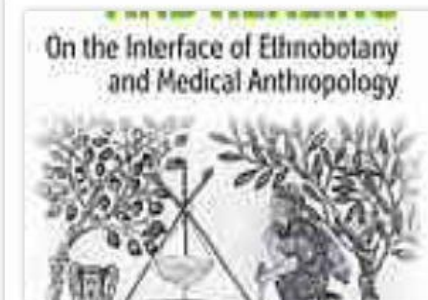


Handbook of medicinal plants

by [Zohara Yaniv](#), [Uriel Bachrach](#)

Print Book ©2005

Call Number:
VET581.634 HANDBOOK



[Plants, health and healing : on the interface of ethnobotany and medical anthropology](#)

by [Elisabeth Hsu](#), [Stephen Harris](#)

Print Book ©2010

It's like browsing the library's bookshelves

By Susan Marsh

To those of you who love browsing a library's bookshelves to see what interesting material is available, you can now browse online through our WorldCat Discovery catalogue.

The new “Browse the shelf” function allows you to see neighbouring books on the shelf of the one you are looking for. This is a great feature to become aware of other books on the same topic, especially if the book you wanted to borrow, is already taken out.

Faculty Day Exhibition 2019.

By Tertia Coetsee

Our theme this year was "We Are Here", portraying the message that although most of our users use the virtual library, we are still here, providing a human presence. We showcased an electronic magazine and newspaper collection PressReader, our Facebook page, our self-checkout machine and interesting digital collections in UPSpace.



aligning innovative technology with the LIS profession, digitisation projects and the 4th industrial revolution.

The library can benefit from advanced analytics and artificial intelligence where tasks of a repetitive nature that can easily be automated, can be addressed e.g. shelving of books. Robots can be used to automatically do sorting, scanning and locating of books on the shelf. Even misshelved books can be identified.

The Director of our library, Mr Robert Moropa, received the annual LIASA Executive Librarian Award at the gala dinner. This award is in recognition of his outstanding leadership, mentoring, contribution and commitment to the Library and Information Services (LIS) sector of South Africa. The title of a paper he delivered at the conference was "Academic libraries in a changing and dynamic environment: adopting a leadership mind-set of a winner". We are very proud of him.

Colleagues from the Department of Library Services, UP attending the Gala Dinner:

LIASA Conference (Library and Information Association of South Africa) 2019.

By Maria Mtsweni

The 20th LIASA conference was held in Durban from the 30th of September to the 4th of October 2019 at the Durban International Convention Centre and I had the privilege to attend. The theme of the conference was "LIASA: The Butterfly Effect".

The rationale behind the theme was that a small change or seemingly inconsequential action can have a large impact or cause bigger things to happen. The theme paved the way for libraries to reflect on the current state of libraries and librarianship in South Africa, and the envisioned future for the sector, while setting down steps of how this evolution should happen.

Presentations at the conference focused on various themes such as skills for the 21st century librarian, adapting to a changing and dynamic environment and



From left to right: Ms Lindiwe Soyizwapi (Deputy Director: DLS), Sagren Naidoo (Information Specialist: Health Sciences Library), Mr Robert Moropa (Director:DLS), Ms Suzy Nyakale (Faculty Library Manager: NAS & EBIT), Ms Maria Mtsweni (Jotello F Soga Library, Veterinary Science), Mr Danie Malan (Information specialist: Economic & management Sciences), Ms Martha de Waal (Retired staff member: DLS) and Mr Abram Maboya (Information Specialist: Basic Medical Sciences & Dentistry)

Welcoming new staff members

By Susan Marsh

Khomotso Moabelo joined us in the Research Commons on the 15th of July. She is a Master's student from the Department of Veterinary Tropical Diseases. She joins Channen Long, a PhD student from the Department of Paraclinical Sciences, to give first-line support to our post-graduate students.

We hope she will stay with us for a long time and that she will benefit from her interaction with the other post-graduate students on campus.



Khomotso Moabelo



Ai-Mee Ding

Ai-Mee Ding, a second year Veterinary Science student, also joined us on the 15th of July to take up her position at the issue desk for the after hour shift from 16:00 – 18:00 on weekdays and 08:30 – 12:30 on Saturdays. She replaces Jaco Theron whom we had the privilege to have with us since 2016. We are looking forward to working with Ai-Mee and wish her a pleasant stay with us.

Jotello F Soga Library entrance

By Tertia Coetsee

We are very excited to announce the “new look” of the Jotello F. Soga Library entrance! With the new signage, our users and visitors will be able to identify the entrance to the Library from either the lift or staircase on first sight. With the design the Library's involvement with the Faculty we serve, is emphasized. The background poster highlights production animals as part of the curriculum and adds a calm and relaxed feeling to the lobby. The name of the Library, done in durable Perspex, aids as a clear indication of the Library entrance. Thank you to all involved in the design process.



Mandela Day 2019

By Tertia Coetsee

This Mandela Day 2019, the Department of Library Services focused on our own needy UP students. Many of our own students struggle financially to make ends meet. The Jotello F Soga Library also responded to the plight of these students, opened our hearts and donated non-perishable foods such as tinned food, Cup a Soup, blankets and warm clothes. These items were identified by the University of Pretoria's Community Office as items that can be donated.



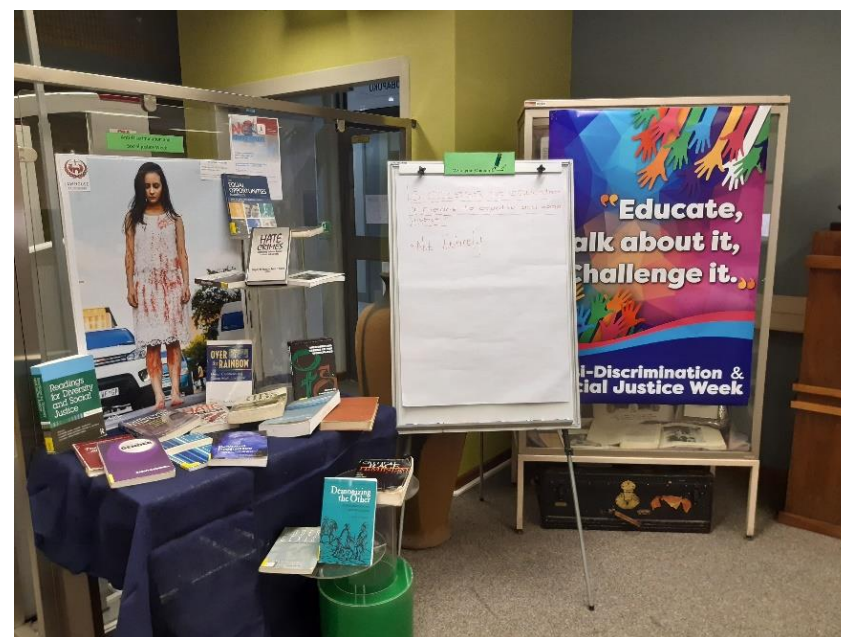
DLS Anti-Discrimination and Social Justice Week (30th September to 4th October)

By Tertia Coetsee

The Department of Library Services' Transformation Committee facilitated a number of activities highlighting anti-discrimination and social justice issues across our various libraries.

The Jotello F Soga Library hosted a book exhibition on various suitable topics along with handing out sweets to library users with an informative message on. Students were invited to write comments/ feedback on a graffiti wall.

The DLS also invited a speaker to present on the issues at hand in the library auditorium, screened educational videos through social media and hosted a virtual exhibition.



Endnote version 9

The software for the 9th version of Endnote for Windows and Mac is available on the library's Endnote LibGuide <https://up-za.libguides.com/EndNote>

Users need to read the download instructions carefully as the installation process has changed quite a bit. Logging on to the UP's service catalogue will allow you to lodge a service request. A download link will be sent to your e-mail to complete the installation process.

