

# InfoMania



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## FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR:

Welcome to the last edition of *Infomania* for 2020. We hope you'll find the newsletter informative.

Read about the library's services under lockdown level 1. This year kept challenging our adaptability to the Covid-19 lockdown. We had to think of ways to continue delivering excellent service and contributing to the ongoing support of our students and personnel.

We share information about a new LibGuide on open access for Alumni named: Veterinary Science Open Access Resources, the international celebration of Open Access and the importance of the preservation of historical material for centenary celebrations.

There are also interesting statistics about our Facebook use and interesting information about UP's new position in the World University Rankings by subjects.

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)**

## World University rankings by subject. By Tertia Coetsee

The **THE World University Rankings 2021 by subject** was published at the end of October. The table below shows UP's position within SA for each of the 11 subjects that they ranked as well as UP's position worldwide and the number of Universities that were ranked in total for the subject field.

Within SA UP Law and Computer Science came out in the first place.

Subject field	Place within SA	Rank	Total Univ ranked
Arts & Humanities	3 shared with UJ	301-400	565
Business & Economics	2	301-400	729
Clinical & Health	7 shared with UJ	501-600	856
Computer Science	1 shared with UCT, SU	501-600	827
Education	7, shared with NWU, UNISA	401-500	537
Engineering & Technology	6, shared with DUT, UKZN, SU, WITS	601-800	1098
Law	1	101-125	224
Life Sciences	2, shared with SU, WITS	301-400	895
Physical Sciences	6, shared with UJ, UKZN, UNISA, WITS	601-800	1149
Psychology	5 shared with UKZN, WITS	401-500	533
Social Sciences	5 shared with UWC	401-500	791

## [Library services under Lockdown Level 1, as of 12 October 2020](#)

By Susan Marsh

With the National Lockdown shifting to Alert Level 1 during October, the Library Executive approved the re-establishment of more services, within the scope of the campus re-entry plan. UP students and staff were however still encouraged to continue using the comprehensive online collections and virtual information support services.

- The Jotello F Soga library changed their opening hours from Mondays to Fridays from 09:00 – 15:00 and remained closed on Saturdays. Limited study spaces in the library (30 study spaces) were made available and had to be booked online in advance.
- The Research Commons was opened for a limited number of postgraduate students (15 spaces) and also had to be booked online in advance. For safety reasons, students had to bring their own devices or had to arrange with the library staff if you would need to use a library computer.

Computer areas in general in the library remained closed. Physical access to library collections were also not allowed.

Students and staff allowed on campus could return books in a book drop box provided or at the library desk. Books issued to users who didn't have access to campus were extended on a monthly basis and no late fines were issued. This included Interlibrary Loan items.

Library users could place online requests for material from the library, which they could then collect at the library desk.

Library staff continued providing digitisation services. Requests for sections of books to be digitised (within copyright regulations) were submitted online.

Health and safety measures and social distancing protocols remained applicable in all libraries.

## [Interesting statistics about our Facebook page](#)

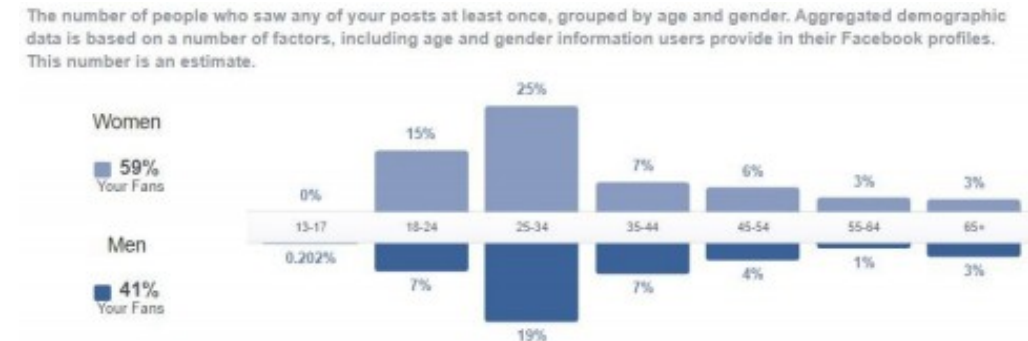
By Amelia Breytenbach

The Veterinary Library currently uses Facebook as a social media platform to communicate directly with the library users outside the library building. The Library wants to present itself on social media as a modern library that is not only a book rental point, but also a location with a full range of digital services.

We are specifically aimed at engaging and supporting library clients of the Veterinary Science Faculty, but are not limited to this group. Our Facebook page went live in 2012 and in 2018 we had only 239 page followers. Since then our followers grew significantly and in 2020 we are proud to have 523 followers.

From our Facebook analytics (Insights), we can share the following interesting facts from January 2020 – November 2020:

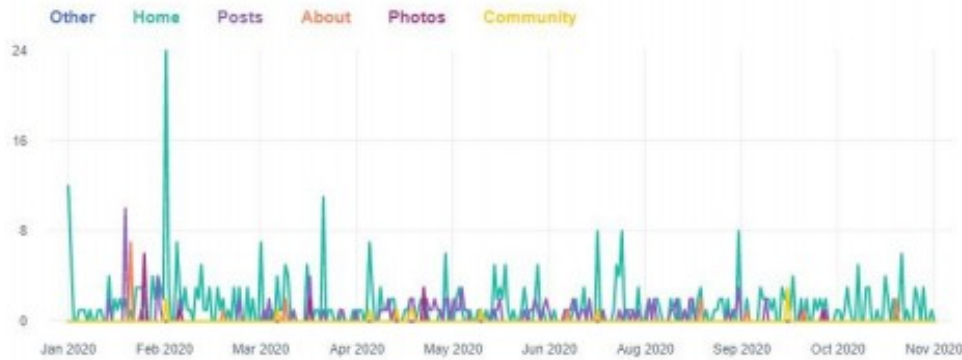
Followers grouped by age and gender:



Most of our followers are from Pretoria, South Africa and are English speaking:

Country	Your Fans	City	Your Fans	Language	Your Fans
South Africa	410	Pretoria, South Africa	165	English (US)	319
Iraq	10	Johannesburg, South A...	28	English (UK)	131
Nigeria	9	Cape Town, South Africa	19	Afrikaans	15

Most of the views are of our Home page, followed by posts and photos:



Our Top Post for 2020 so far is the photos of our Library staff members at the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Faculty at the OP sports fields on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Post Details:**  
**Jozelle F Soga Library (Veterinary Science Library)** with Susan Marsh  
 Published by Amelia Bruyettebach · February 7 · 🌐

Happy 100th anniversary to our Faculty of Veterinary Science Library staff members. Susan Marsh, Maria Mtsweni and Mathuloe Moshidi joined the celebrations on the OP sports fields. Ms Lindive Soyizwagi, Director of the UP Library Services and Ms Brenda Nwanzya, acting deputy director UP Library Services (Client Services) also attended as special guests of the Faculty. (Photographer: Mathuloe Moshidi)

**Performance for Your Post:**  
 975 People Reached  
 65 Reactions, Comments & Shares (👍)

49 Likes	19 On Post	30 On Shares
4 Comments	0 On Post	4 On Shares
1 Shares	1 On Post	0 On Shares
2 Shares	2 On Post	0 On Shares

**210 Post Clicks:**  
 107 Photo Views | 0 Link Clicks (🔗) | 103 Other Clicks (👁️)

**NEGATIVE FEEDBACK:**  
 0 Hide Post | 0 Hide All Posts  
 0 Report as Spam | 0 Unlike Page

Reported stats may be delayed from what appears on posts

**Get More Likes, Comments and Shares**  
 When you boost this post, you'll show it to more people.

975 People Reached | 265 Engagements | [Boost Post](#)

👍 Like | 💬 Comment | ➦ Share

Our second most viewed post was in June 17<sup>th</sup>, about the marketing of our new e-books received:

**Post Details:**  
**Jozelle F Soga Library (Veterinary Science Library)**  
 Published by Amelia Bruyettebach · June 12 · 🌐

New e-book available in the library catalogue:  
 Clinical small animal internal medicine : two-volume set / by David Bruyette (Editor). 2020  
 Click link to access full-text:  
<https://univofpretoria.on.worldcat.org/oclc/1149587641...> See More

**Performance for Your Post:**  
 265 People Reached  
 7 Likes, Comments & Shares (👍)

6 Likes	5 On Post	1 On Shares
0 Comments	0 On Post	0 On Shares
1 Shares	1 On Post	0 On Shares

**6 Post Clicks:**  
 1 Photo Views | 2 Link Clicks (🔗) | 3 Other Clicks (👁️)

**NEGATIVE FEEDBACK:**  
 0 Hide Post | 0 Hide All Posts  
 0 Report as Spam | 0 Unlike Page

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265 People Reached | 13 Engagements | [Boost Post](#)

👍 Sarah-Olivia Nunn, Gideon Schaeffer and 3 others | 1 Share

Our goal with Facebook is to create and generate or share interesting, engaging, and useful content relevant to the Library and the Faculty of Veterinary Science and to market our services. Unfortunately, we recently received the news that we have to consider the closing of our page as the UP's Department of Institutional Advancement is of the opinion that too few original material is posted and that the page attracts too few followers. We will then have to find a new viable platform to communicate with our clients.

## Centenary celebrations and the preservation of historical material

By Susan Marsh

The importance of preserving history for the future is obvious and non-negotiable. Celebrations and reminiscing go hand in hand, and if the past was not preserved, celebrations would be quite meaningless.

The University of Pretoria's institutional repository UPspace that was launched in 2006, served as a useful platform to preserve historical material. One of the first collections in the repository was veterinary science. A signed agreement between the University of Pretoria and the Agricultural Research Council in 2012 allowed the Jotello F Soga library to preserve historical material kept at the Onderstepoort Veterinary Institute (now Onderstepoort Veterinary Research) that was of value to the veterinary science profession in South Africa.

A vast amount of historical material was added during 2020 to the repository with the support from "The History Committee of the South African Veterinary Association", today changed to "The Veterinary History Society of South Africa" but still affiliated with the South African Veterinary Association. A large collection of biographical material and obituaries is available. Interesting information such as the first ten women that graduated as veterinarians from Onderstepoort can also be found: <https://repository.up.ac.za/handle/2263/76659>

As history doesn't only lie in the past, but is created on a daily basis, our colleague Amelia Breytenbach initiated the preservation of Faculty material that would one day be of historical value. She continuously adds [Faculty web news](#) to UPspace. She also added a collection to UPspace for the [2020 Centenary celebrations](#), although most of the celebrations were hijacked by the COVID-19 pandemic. If you can still vaguely remember that the Dean, prof Vinny Naidoo delivered a very interesting speech at the opening of the Centenary celebrations on 7 February, you can now revisit his speech at <https://repository.up.ac.za/handle/2263/74326>

We would like to thank everybody for their willingness to assist us in preserving the faculty's history and appeal to all to keep on contributing to expand the collection.

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## Veterinary Science Open Access Resources

By Amelia Breytenbach

The relationship with our alumni and active contributors to research and development in our country is valued by the University of Pretoria and needs continued support. We realise that online library access for alumni is not the same as for enrolled students and staff as there are restrictions to most subscription databases and online books due to licensing agreements. The Department of Library Services therefore decided to embark on a project in providing continued support to graduates of the University of Pretoria. A project was launched to create a Library web page to market the various services for UP alumni provided by our information specialists. Part of this web page will be dedicated to provide links to the different faculty libraries' open access resources.

Because of the Open Access initiative, institutional digitisation projects and various other efforts from publishers, a large number of scholarly literature is now available for free on the Internet. In October 2020 the Jotello F. Soga Library started to evaluate this information and created a Libguide to help veterinary science alumni to locate freely accessible, quality electronic resources. This guide will be helpful for graduates who wish to continue life-long learning and research as they move into employment. The Libguide is organised in the following pages to make it easy for the user to locate the variety of resources available:

- Home (Information about Open Access and Creative Commons licensing)
- Books
- Journals
- Datasets, Databases and Repositories
- Images, Videos and Multimedia
- Conferences
- Apps, Calculators and Formularies
- Websites, Guides and Handouts

New pages and resources will be added over time and the existing links will be kept up to date by the information specialists. When using the resources always take note of the Conditions of Use or that certain licences, e.g. Creative Commons, may apply to some of these resources. The URL for the Veterinary Science Open Access Resources Libguide is: <https://up-za.libguides.com/c.php?g=1085098>

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## Open access celebrations By Susan Marsh

During the week of 19-23 October, libraries worldwide once again celebrated Open Access.

Traditionally the Dept of Library Services had a whole program of stimulating presentations and library exhibitions to make sure the spirit of open access was captured.

This year we had to do things differently, but the message was still the same. We had an online webinar series hosted via Blackboard Collaborate with the theme: “Shifting the boundaries of your research impact”. Dr Johann van Wyk, Assistant Director: Scholarly Communications, acted as moderator.

Topics that were covered included:

- Bibliometrics
- Altmetrics
- Open access publishing and Article Processing Charges
- Open access: how to avoid the web of predatory publishers
- How to upload theses and dissertations onto UPSpace
- How to upload datasets onto the UP Research Data Repository
- Researcher profiles and tools to enhance researcher impact

If you missed any of these presentations, we will be able to send you a recording as all presentations have been recorded.

Many of the topics above are also covered by library “subject guides” or Libguides at the following URL:

Research Guide – Online training:

<https://up-za.libguides.com/c.php?g=485435&p=7587583>

Our most trusted database, Web of Science made a “[Guide to open access](#)” available on the web, during open access week that contains valuable information.

Topics covered are:

- What open access is and how it developed
- The advantages of open access resources
- What to look out for when publishing open access papers
- The different types of open access available
- The costs involved in open access
- Where you can find open access journals and papers

Researchers who are seriously considering publishing their research in open access journals, will find this material very informative.

