

# InfoMania



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## FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR:

Welcome to the first edition of *Infomania* for 2022. We hope you'll find the newsletter informative.

In this edition, information on scholarly publishing and transformational agreements with publishers, a SDG Project for Veterinary Science and Scopus training for researchers and postgrad students is shared.

A link to the annual "Department of Library Services at a glance 2021" provides statistics about our libraries, resources, usage, services, etc. We also share proud moments for interlibrary loan staff of UP and other Faculty members, some new product news and faculty staff news.

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)**

## Scholarly publishing and transformational agreements with publishers

By Susan Marsh

Academic or scholarly publishing has undergone important changes. Commercial control over formal academic publishing has been evident for many years. As subscription prices rose and the number of publications increased, the danger of not having access to scholarly input increased. The concept of "Open access" became prominent in the early 2000s and was adopted and encouraged by many prominent scholarly institutions.

Today we find ourselves in a position where publishing in open access journals is overshadowed by Author Publishing Costs (APCs). Apart from subscription fees that libraries have to pay for access to non-open journals, libraries or institutions now also have to deal with paying to publish open access articles. Publishers exploited the situation and offered the option of publishing open articles in subscription journals or "hybrid" journals. This is generally referred to as "double dipping" as publishers now receive subscription fees as well as APC's for the same journal.

Transformational agreements, also known as transformative or "read and publish" agreements came into being when institutions negotiated with publishers to change the business model underlying scholarly publishing. This model allows institutions to pay a fee that will allow them access to a journal, but also allow them to publish open articles within the journal without having to pay APCs.

Negotiations with publishers are usually led by bodies or companies that act on behalf of higher education institutions in a specific country.

In South Africa, recent negotiations by SANLIC (South African National Library and Information Consortium) led to transformational agreements with three publishers, namely Wiley, ACM (Assn for Computing Machinery) and Emerald (8 collections)

A list of the journal titles included in this agreement in which UP authors can now publish open access articles for free, is available on the library website at [https://www.library.up.ac.za/ld.php?content\\_id=65993708](https://www.library.up.ac.za/ld.php?content_id=65993708)

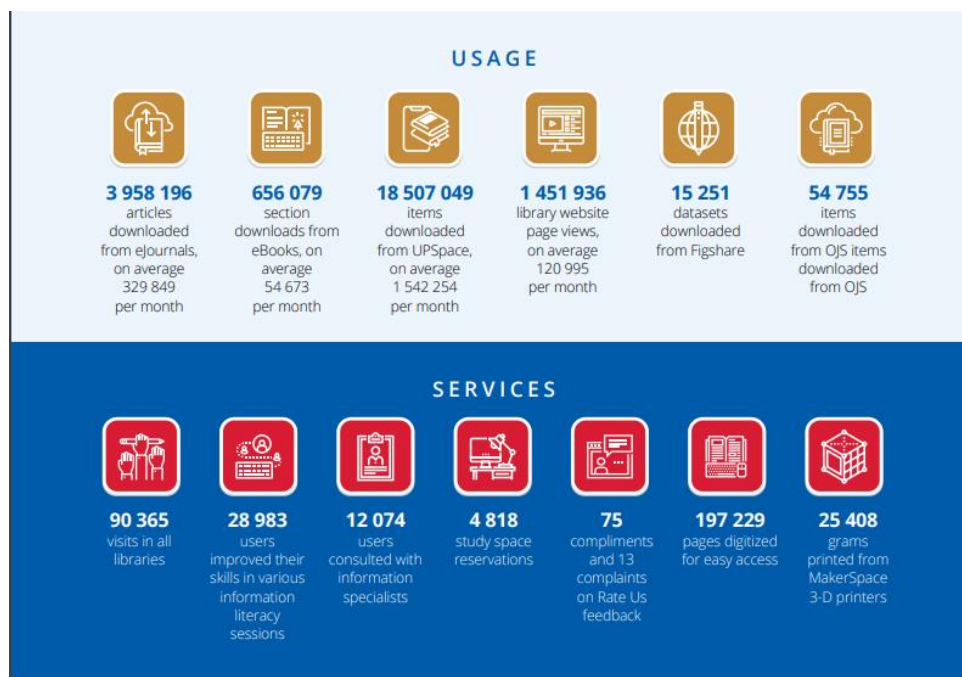
The list only includes titles that are accredited. Although not many purely veterinary science titles are listed, multidisciplinary titles or titles in the medical, biomedical or life sciences could also be considered for publications.

The principle of first come first served will be followed, as there is a limit on the number of open access articles that may be published per journal title.

When submitting a publication on a publisher site with whom we have an agreement, e.g. Wiley, authors will be alerted to the agreement. The corresponding author must be from the UP and only original research or review articles will be accepted. A webinar is planned for later this year where more information will be shared. The DLS still accepts applications for APCs for journals from publishers with whom we do not have transformational agreements.

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### [Department of Library Services at a glance 2021](#) is now available!



### [SDG Project for Veterinary Science](#) - Susan Marsh & Amelia Breytenbach

Universities have the responsibility to contribute to the realisation of the UN Sustainability Goals. The University of Pretoria released its first report on the contributions that UP is making towards the attainment of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in December 2021. In this report, Prof Kupe acknowledges that sustainability-related reporting in higher education is an emerging space.

Amelia Breytenbach, cataloguer and metadata specialist of the JF Soga library, realised that the library can play a role in assisting the Faculty of Veterinary Science in displaying their contribution towards realising these goals.

A Libguide on the 17 UN SDGs was the result. The LibGuide is available through the library web and serves as a knowledge portal for veterinary science researchers and students by providing links to appropriate SDG information resources, nationally and internationally. Links to selected courses, podcasts, apps and resources related to the SDGs will bring attention to the importance of this initiative and promote those SDGs that veterinary science researchers can associate with. Lists of books on SDGs from the Library, in print as well as in full-text electronic format, provide the opportunity for users to broaden their knowledge of sustainable development.

The most important part of the LibGuide though, is where relevant SDG metadata fields added to Faculty research output (research articles, theses and Faculty Web News) that are archived in the open access repository UPSPACE, indicate the Faculty's research output contributing to specific SDG's. The LibGuide serves as a host where the Faculty's research outputs contributing to the different SDG's are displayed. Unique tags in the metadata records of the items in the UPSPACE repository make it possible to group them together according to the different Sustainable Development Goals.

Below every SDG listed on the LibGuide, links can be found to articles, theses and Faculty activities reported on through Web News, that contribute to the specific SDG's.

Amelia was requested by the library's Deputy Director: Scholarly Communications, Digital Services & Systems, Lazarus Matizirofa, to supply information about this project to Dr Rakeshnie Ramoutar-Prieschl (Head of Research Capacity Development at UP) who was to participate in a UN Global Online event in May 2022. Through this project, the Jotello F Soga Library proofed that libraries can make an important contribution in displaying the research output of universities that contributes towards the attainment of the UN SDG's.

Veterinary Science SDG Libguide URL : <https://library.up.ac.za/c.php?g=1210451>

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### Scopus Academy: Introductory Scopus training for researchers and students

By Susan Marsh

Scopus, an abstract and indexing database produced by Elsevier, is one of our primary databases we refer clients to for extensive literature searching.

[Scopus Academy](#) provides free short introductory overviews on several topics that can be very valuable for researchers and students.

Topics included are:

- Scopus introductory features
- Topical searches: Basic and advanced
- Author searching, author profiles
- Search saving and setting alerts
- Measurement tools such as Citation overview, Journal Cite Score, Comparing sources, H-Index

Be sure to have a look at it!

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### UP Inter-lending achievement 2021-2022

By Maria Mtsweni

The Interlending team of the Department of Library Services was very proud when they recently received a message from OCLC, (Online Computer Library

Centre that hosts our catalogue and interlending services) to confirm that they have been selected to participate in OCLC's *Express digital delivery program*, because of their exceptional work. To be part of this program, libraries have to consistently deliver articles and other digital resources within 18 hours or less through the OCLC's WorldShare ILL network.

OCLC's Express has been an impressive success with:

- 1,000+ libraries worldwide participating
- A 10-hour average turnaround time
- 360,000+ copy requests filled in 2021

This made us realise that our Interlending staff are indispensable and indeed a great team!

We would also like to thank our clients for their positive responses received during our Inter-lending client satisfaction survey in 2021.

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### A few new items in our collection

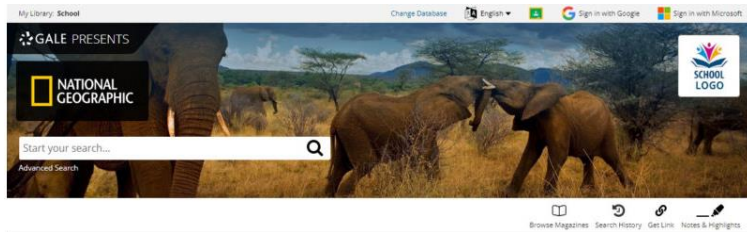
By Susan Marsh

We have acquired the latest 2021 edition of "Pathologic Basis of Veterinary Disease" by James F. Zachary as an e-book. You can access the book via the catalogue <https://UnivofPretoria.on.worldcat.org/oclc/1292362110>

Dr Richard Burroughs (retired, Centre for Veterinary Wildlife Studies) donated 2 copies of the print 2021 edition of "Chemical and physical restraint of African wild animals" The catalogue link to find more detail is

<https://UnivofPretoria.on.worldcat.org/oclc/1312592319>

## Product Update: National Geographic Virtual Library – Tertia Coetsee



The library subscribes to the “National Geographic Virtual Library” that can be found in the list of databases on our website. We recently received the following announcement from them that will definitely improve your experience of the product:

We are thrilled to announce that on June 23, 2022, Gale will release an enhanced experience for the *Gale Presents: National Geographic Virtual Library*, including *Gale Presents: National Geographic Kids*, this summer. At that time, they’ll retire the current *National Geographic Virtual Library* experience. Links will seamlessly redirect to the new interface, which will include the following features:

### Enhanced Advanced Search

The new Advanced Search interface will provide useful tips and information to meet researchers where they are and help them get the most out of their search experience. The interface includes a detailed Search Tips section as well as labels and tool tips that describe each search field and limiter.

### Improved Accessibility

Maintained for web accessibility standards, this improvement will ensure access by users of all abilities.

### Streamlined User Interface

Consistent with other Gale products, this enhancement will deliver an engaging experience that allows quick access to search tools and relevant content.

### Optical Character Recognition (OCR) Panel

As a new option in the Explore Panel when you access a document, the Optical Character Recognition (OCR) feature allows you to see the machine-converted version of the text in an article.

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### Important Notices!!

The 2022 edition of the [Journal Citation Reports](#) has recently been launched. The latest Impact Factors (2021) as well as other data to identify the world’s leading journals, can be found here.

Please note that the layout of the Library Website changed at the beginning of 2022. As a result, many URLs changed. We discovered that some study guides still refer to the old links. An example is the link to the Plagiarism page that has now changed to: <https://www.library.up.ac.za/plagiarism>

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## News and Events

Congratulations to Professor Johan Schoeman on the highest-ever research rating awarded to a UP veterinary clinician-scientist. The National Research Foundation (NRF) has awarded Professor Johan Schoeman a B1 rating for the 2022 – 2027 period.



Prof Schoeman leads the Pathobiology Research Theme in the faculty and is the former Head of the Department of Companion Animal Clinical Studies. In addition to reaching this research milestone, he has substantial clinical responsibilities at the Onderstepoort Veterinary Academic Hospital (OVAH), as well as undergraduate and postgraduate teaching duties.

Congratulations to Prof Koos Coetzer for receiving an honorary doctorate from UP



The University of Pretoria (UP) has conferred the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Science (honoris causa) on Emeritus Professor Jacobus Andries Wynand (Koos) Coetzer for his national and international scientific, teaching and learning contributions to the field of infectious and parasitic diseases of livestock and wildlife, as well as for his significant contribution to creating online tools that support education in his field of study.



Congratulations to Dr Elrien Scheepers of the Onderstepoort Skills Laboratory who was recently nominated for a sought-after literary prize, the Scheepers Prize for Youth Literature (Die Scheepersprys vir Jeugliteratuur), for her debut Afrikaans novel 'Donkerbloed', a futuristic science fiction story for teenagers.

This prize is awarded by the SA Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns (SA Academy for Science and Art), every three years.

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