



UPSpace

A digital research repository for the University of Pretoria

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Agenda



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Pandor prys Tuks vir hoeveelheid navorsing

Alot Rademeyer

Ms. Naledi Pandor, minister van onderwys, het die Universiteit van Pretoria (UP) gister gelukgewens met sy prestasie as die universiteit in die land wat verlore jaar die meeste navorsingsuitsette gelewer het.

In deselwde asem het sy gesaam dat inligting tot die beskikking van die departement toon dat nog meer navorsing gedoen moet word gegewe die aantal hoërskooldiensende en navorsingspersoneel by die instelling.

Prof. Calie Pistorius, rektor van die UP, het 'n kople van die universiteit se navorsingsverslag vir 2005 aan Pandor oorbantdig.

Pandor het gesê inligting toon dat die UP, die Universiteit van Kaapstad, die Universiteit van Stellenbosch, die Universiteit van die Witwatersrand en die Universiteit van KwaZulu-Natal vir altesame 62% van navorsingsuitsette verantwoordelik is. Daarenteen dra die universiteite van die Vrystaat, Johannesburg, Rhodes, Unisa, die Wes-Kaap, Limpopo en die Nelson Mandela-Metropolitaanse Universiteit by tot 33,3% van joernaalnavorsing terwyl die res van instellings gesamentlik 'n bydrae van 4% tot uitsette in joernale lewer.

"Die statistieke is kommerwekkend as na die sektor gekyk word," het sy gesê. Met verwysing na die UP het sy gesê daar was die afgelope vyf jaar 'n groei van 20% in publikasie-eenhede.

Voorts is daar bewyse dat die gehalte van die navorsing op terreine soos plant- en dierewetenskappe, landbou, omgewing, ingenieurswese en die medisyne van 'n hoë standaard is vergelyke met dié van internasionale eweknieë.

Pandor het ook verwys na die rol wat die regering het om toe te sien dat instellings vordering maak ten opsigte van doelwitte soos in nasionale beleid uiteengesit.

Dit sluit in die verhoging van toegang vir studente en die lewering van studente met vaardighede en bevoegdhede wat nodig is vir die land se menslike hulpbronne om die bevordering van gelykheid sodat die studente- en personeelprofiel die demografie van die land weerspieël.

Sy het gesê baie akademiese raak gekritiseer as dié doelwitte as deel van hul taakbeskrywing voorgelê word. Hulle beskou dit as iets wat die aandag van hul werk aflei, terwyl die regering dit as 'n belangrike deel van transformasie bestempel.

Pandor het gesê meer moet gedoen word om die deelname van vroue en swart mense aan navorsing op alle akademiese terreine te verhoog en daar moet gefokusde pogings wees om swart akademici te lok en te behou.

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“Pandor praises Tuks for its amount of research” –

Beeld, 12 May 2006



Repository & UP Strategic Plan

- 🔗 Promote scholarship
- 🔗 Access for academics
- 🔗 Digitise rare resources
- 🔗 Archive research data
- 🔗 Important strategic resource

Project Phases



Analysis

Design

Development

Implementation

Evaluation



What is an institutional research repository?

- Set of services
- Management & dissemination of digital materials
- Organisational commitment
- Stewardship
- Long-term preservation
- Organisation, access, distribution

Clifford A. Lynch,

["Institutional Repositories: Essential Infrastructure for Scholarship in the Digital Age"](#) ARL,
no. 226 (February 2003): 1-7.



What is a digital library?

“An integrated set of services for capturing, cataloging, storing, searching, protecting, and retrieving information”

www.wtec.org/loyola/digilibs/d_01.htm

“A digital library is a collection of documents in organized electronic form, available on the Internet or on CD-ROM (compact-disk read-only memory) disks. Depending on the specific library, a user may be able to access magazine articles, books, papers, images, sound files, and videos.” www.cesa8.k12.wi.us/media/digital_dictionary.htm

“A digital library comprises digital collections, services and infrastructure to support lifelong learning, research, scholarly communication and preservation.”

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Digital_library



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- 🔗 <http://dspace.org> (open source software)
- 🔗 Captures, stores, indexes, preserves and redistributes data
- 🔗 Meet variety of digital archiving needs:
 - 🔗 Institutional repositories
 - 🔗 Learning object repositories
 - 🔗 eTheses
 - 🔗 Electronic records management
 - 🔗 Digital preservation
 - 🔗 Publishing etc.



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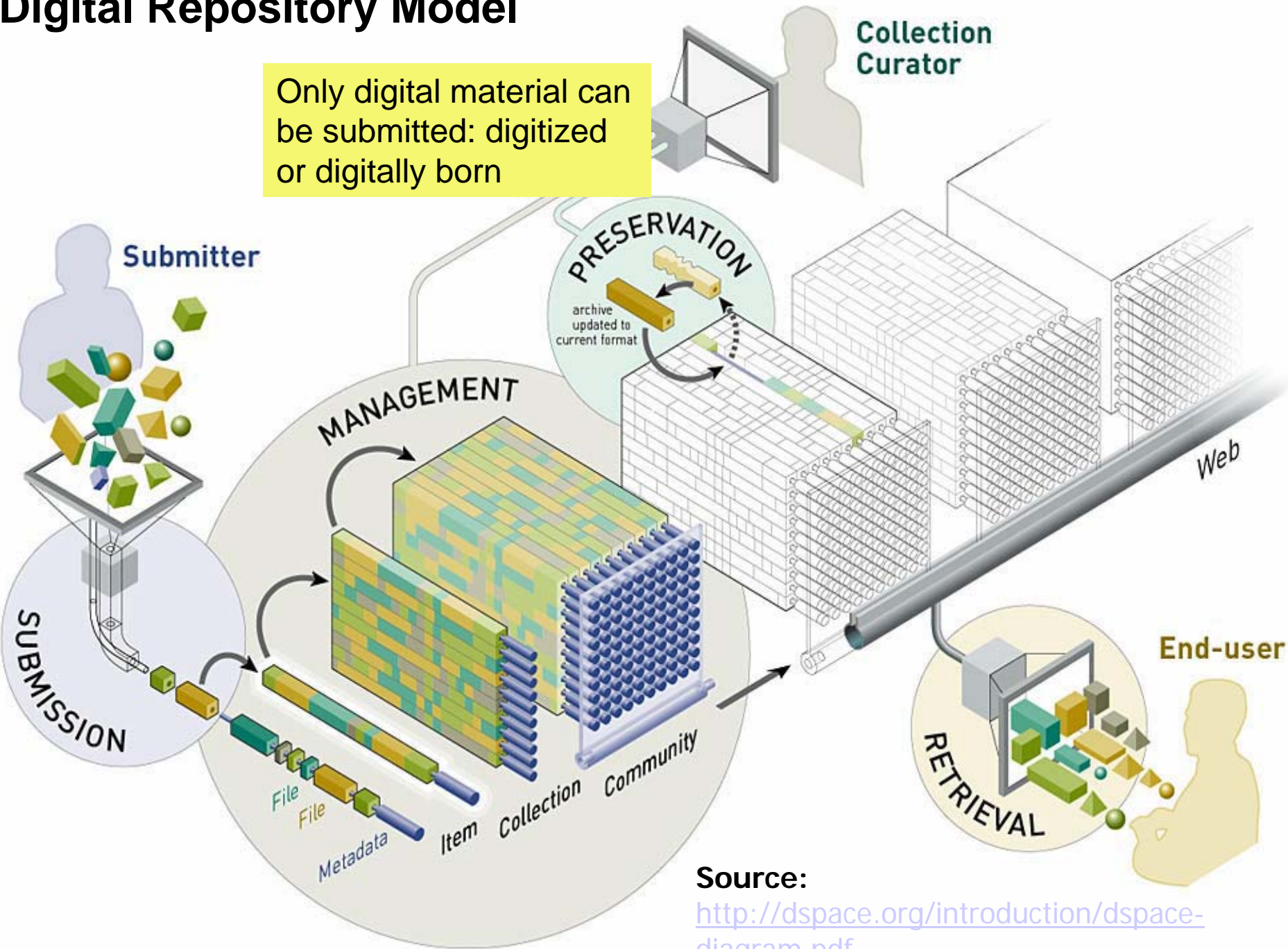


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- 🔗 [Institutional Archives Registry](#) (750 archives – 7 in SA)
- 🔗 [DSpace Instances](#) (180+)
- 🔗 [Open Archives Institute](#)
- 🔗 GoogleScholar & Google

Digital Repository Model

Only digital material can be submitted: digitized or digitally born



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Champions



- 🔓 Gerard Moerdijk Collection
- 🔓 Arnold Theiler Collection
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This repository offers a set of services to the members of the UP Community, for the management and dissemination of digital research materials donated to or created by the institution and its community members. The set of services includes the collection, storage and preservation in digital format, and retrieval of items submitted to UPSpace.


For more information on the UPSpace (DSpace) Project @ UP visit www.dspace.up.ac.za

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Professor [Jonathan Jansen](#) obtained his PhD at Stanford University School of Education and his MS in Science Education at Cornell University. He is currently the Dean of the [Faculty of Education, University of Pretoria](#), and is internationally regarded as one of the top researchers in the field of

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Black Dean: Race, Reconciliation, and the Emotions of Deanship

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As I drove through the gates of the [University of Pretoria](#), I was already tense. Years of living under apartheid had involuntarily stressed the muscles and sharpened the mind to attack even the slightest hint of racial aggression when entering unfamiliar White territory. It did not help that the entrance was guarded, as if by design, by one of the tallest buildings on the South

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PRETORIA'S £40,000 UNIVERSITY LIBRARY OPENED

THE Pretoria University's new £40,000 Merensky Library was opened yesterday afternoon by the Hon. H. A. Fagan, Minister of Education, who had flown from Capetown to Pretoria for the occasion. A distinguished academic gathering, which included members of the Diplomatic Corps and Dr. H. Merensky, after whom the library has been named, was present.

Mr. Gerard Moerdijk, chairman of the University Council and architect of the building, welcomed the visitors and explained some of the architectural features of the library, with particular reference to the symbolic representation of the Mapungubwe discoveries, which indicated a pre-Bantu civilisation in this country. He expressed his appre-

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THERE WAS A MAN is terrific (" 'n bielle")

by Rykie van Reenen

This is Dr Thelma Gutache: she likes a majestic perspective of the whole. The keynote of her monumental publication There was a man - about the life and especially the times of Sir Arnold Theiler, the father of Onderstepoort - is the "adaption of living organisms to ~~shx~~ their environment and problems of survival". So she states in the first sentence of the almost 500 closely printed pages in large format of a completely unique book.

For her it is more than a biography, it concerns a titanic struggle between Nature and Science - with Sir Arnold Theiler as the Knight of Science who helped to tame an untamed, unhealthy southern land for farming and habitation.

literally single-handed (the other hand was cut off in Sammy Marks's chaff-cutter shortly after his arrival in South Africa) he undertook the struggle against East Coast fever, horse sickness, bovine paratuberculosis, bluetongue, redwater, etc. etc., which - with locusts and drought always in attendance - ~~waxx~~, at the turn of the century were ravaging the livestock of this subcontinent and making large tracts of the earth impossible for stock breeding and progress.



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The vet students and the Masai learned about each other's cultures. The students taught them how to drive a 4x4 in exchange for spear throwing lessons. The students received two Conдор 4x4's from Toyota South Africa to use on the trip.



Vet students take books to 'darkest' Africa

Elmarie Linde

"It was fun bundu bashing through Africa, but we're glad to be back in civilisation." So says Graeme Harman and Sandra Petzner, two of the eleven veterinary students of Onderstepoort who joined the annual Books for Africa tour in December last year.

The students received two Conдор 4x4's from Toyota South Africa to drive twelve hours per day and more than eighteen thousand kilometres, to the universities of Zimbabwe, Zambia, Makerere in Uganda and the Sokoine University of Agriculture in Tanzania.

Their mission was to donate books, written literature, audio-visual material and electronic media to the institutions, as well as to interact with fellow African veterinary students to have a positive influence on animal husbandry in Africa.

According to Graeme and Sandra, the journey was very tiring due to the poor roads with holes.

"I will never complain about our roads again. It is chaos in places like Kampala, Uganda. We had no trouble with our thanks to Toyota, but we had to change the trailers a few times.

"All the people in the villages treated us well. At one stage we needed a specific pump wheel and we knew we would wait for it, but a man who knew about our trou turned within a few hours with the exact wheel.

They say the group was always safe. In Iyoni, Tanzania, they had police officers with them while they slept in a park.

"We had loads of fun," says Sandra. Serengeti, we met the pleasant Masai tri

"We taught them how to drive the C

while they taught us how to use a spear.

"They couldn't believe that one could not press a button to hear music from the car radio, and they also couldn't believe that we carry knives that are not as sharp as theirs."

Graeme says they had plenty of food to eat during the journey. "On New Year's eve we slaughtered a sheep and made 'potjiekos' for three days."

Sandra says it was a great experience to live with other cultures and to eat their food. "It was also incredible to see what our fellow students do. They are not as well-equipped as we are, but they do the same work as us at Onderstepoort."

"It's a miracle that we had such a blessed trip," says Graeme.



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'Tannie' kry toe nog 'n graad

Alida Britz

DM dit as middeljarige op 'n universiteitskampus e waag, kan soms op 'n verleentheid uitloop, selfs al het jy al twee doktorsgrade agter jou naam.

Dr Mary-Lou Penrith, wat vandag haar graad in veerartsenykunde van die Universiteit van Pretoria ontvang, kan hiervan getuig.

"Die eerste dag in die anatomieklas het ek 'n versameling beentjies bestudeer toe 'n jong man my vra om iets aan hom te verduidelik. Toe ek aan hom sê ek is 'n student en nie 'n dosent nie, was sy reaksie — jammer, tannie."

Daar was ook dié keer dat 'n fotograaf haar uit dié klasfoto wou hê.

Dr Penrith sê sy het baie goeie vriende gedurende haar opleiding by Onderstepoort gemaak. Twee van hulle het selfs 'n partytjie vir en-er twee huweliksherdenking gered.

Dr Penrith het ook doktorsgrade in vis- en insettekunde verwor.

Naas die graad BVSc ontvang dr Penrith ook verskeie ander veerartsenykundige toekennings.

Study of wildlife broadened

AIELIA BLACKIE
Staff Reporter

A CHAIR of Wildlife Diseases has been founded at the University of Pretoria's Faculty of Veterinary Science at Onderstepoort.

The Chair will establish contact between the faculty and relevant nature conservation organisations to identify problem areas and initiate and co-ordinate research into wildlife diseases, especially those that pose a threat to humans and domestic animals.

Described as a "unique facility in Africa" it was established with a R500 000 grant provided jointly by insurance brokers Priceforders Federale Volkskas (PFV) and the SA Nature Foundation.

Graduate and post-graduate courses for veterinarians and other scientists will also be established and the Chair intends identifying and investigating the problems of South Africa's game-farming industry.

Professor David Meltzer, who has been involved in animal-related research since 1980, has been appointed to the Chair.

Leerstoel in wildsiektes by Univ. van Pretoria

DIE wildbedryf in Suid-Afrika is nie meer net 'n stokperdjie van die rykes nie; daar word toenemend na die ekonomiese winsgewendheid daarvan gekyk.

Die afgelope vyf tot tien jaar het die belangstelling in die wildbedryf merkbaar toegeneem en is daar ook onlangs 'n leerstoel vir wildsiektes in die Universiteit van Pretoria se fakulteit veerartsenykunde gestig.

Prof. David Meltzer, wat verbonde is aan die

fakulteit, is aangestel as hoogleraar in wildsiektes. Volgens hom was daar die afgelope tyd 'n toename in navorsing oor wild en word daar plaaslik werk van wêreldgehalte gedoen.

Prof. Meltzer se taak sal wees om veerartse voor- en nagraads meer te leer oor wild en wildsiektes. Hulle sal dus in die toekoms meer op dié gebied vir die bedryf kan beteken.

Verder word beoog om kortkursusse oor wildsiektes en die hantering van



Prof. D. Meltzer

wild in die algemeen aan praktiserende veerartse te bied.

Die leerstoel sal ook adviesdiens aan wildboere lewer oor die hantering van spesifieke probleme soos parasitiese beheer. Daar sal veral navorsing gedoen word oor korrekte vangmetodes en die hantering van wild, aangesien groot verliese soms voorkom tydens die vangproses, sê prof. Meltzer.

'n Multidissiplinêre benadering tot wildnavorsing sal gevolg word. Probleme sal geïdentifiseer word en noue samewerking sal gesoek word met bioloë, plantkundiges, veerartsenydiens- en -kundiges, asook landbou- en natuurbehearingsorganisasies.

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KALENDER, BYLAE TOT BEELD, VRYDAG, 25 SEPTEMBER 1987

Sir Arnold Theiler-gebou: Onderstepoort se nuwe trots

'n Eerste tree op pad na 'n nuwe kampus

DIE Staatspresident, mnr. P.W. Botha, open vanoggend die nuwe Sir Arnold Theiler-gebou van die fakulteit veerartsenykunde van die Universiteit van Pretoria.

Die imponerende gebou van R5,45 miljoen is die eerste fase van 'n ambisieuse uitbreidingsprogram van miljoene rand op die fakulteit se kampus by Onderstepoort. Die lang-

termynprojek sal oor die volgende paar jaar in sowat sewe fases afgehandel word.

Die Sir Arnold Theiler-gebou bestaan uit 'n leingsaalkompleks en 'n administratiewe afdeling wat onder meer 'n kateetera vir die studente en 'n moderne, goed toegeruste biblioteek met 8 178 boeke en 5 245 tydskrifte bevat. 'n Veterinêre museum gaan

ook daar ingerig word. Bouwerk het reeds begin aan die tweede fase van die projek. Dit behels die oprigting van 'n nuwe gebou vir die departement patologie en veteriniêre volgesondheid.

Daarna sal dié geriewe van die departement anatomie uitgebou en 'n diere-hospitaal teen 'n koste van sowat R16 miljoen opgerig word.

Die Sir Arnold Theiler-gebou is genoem na die eerste dekaan van die fakulteit. Sir Arnold was nie net die grondlegger van die fakulteit nie, maar ook van die fakulteit se buurman, die Navorsingsinstituut vir Veerartsenykunde.

Hoewel nog net die begin van die uitbreidings, voldoen die Sir Arnold Theiler-gebou in 'n groot mate aan die moderne leingsaale op die kampus.

'n Groot toename in die studentelêre sowel as die omvang van fakulteit se werksaamhede het die uitbreidingsprogram dringend noodsaaklik gemaak.

In die vroeë jare ná die fakulteit se stigting in 1920 is aanvanklik net 30 studente tot die tweede studentjaar toegelaat. In 1962 is dié getal opgeskuif

tot 45 en in 1976 tot 90. Omdat die fakulteit tot die ontstaan van die Mediese Universiteit van Suid-Afrika (Medunsa) die enigste opleidingsentrum vir veerartse in Suid-Afrika was, word ook Engelsprekende studente daar opgeneem. Die persentasie Engelsprekende Tukkies aan dié fakulteit is dus heelwat

hoër as by die universiteit se ander fakulteite.

Dit het daartoe bygedra dat die fakulteit 'n eiesoortige karakter ontwikkel het. Omdat die fakulteit afgesonderd en buite die stad geleë is, skep dit ook 'n plaasatmoosfeer daar.

Die studente word by Onderstepoort in 'n koshuys gehuisves en bestee alle ge-

riewe, sodat dit heeltemal 'n aparte kampus vorm.

In die jongste tyd was dit veral opvallend dat 'n referaer gelewer oor die voorlopige bevindings in die ontwikkeling van 'n kroningsnegiek vir die ogtogende van werksaamde soos jidshonde vir blindes en honde wat vir sekuri-teitsdoelindes gebruik word.

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Dr Mary-Lou Penrith van die Universiteit van Pretoria ontvang graad in die veerartsenykunde.

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DIEREGESONDHEIDS-PRODUKTE

ONS DOEN DIT VIR

Besondere program vir die opening

DIE jaarlike fakulteitdag van Tukkies se fakulteit veerartsenykunde op Onderstepoort. Dié gebou het meer as R5 miljoen gekos en is die eerste fase van 'n bouprojek van miljoene rand wat in minstens sewe fases afgehandel sal word.

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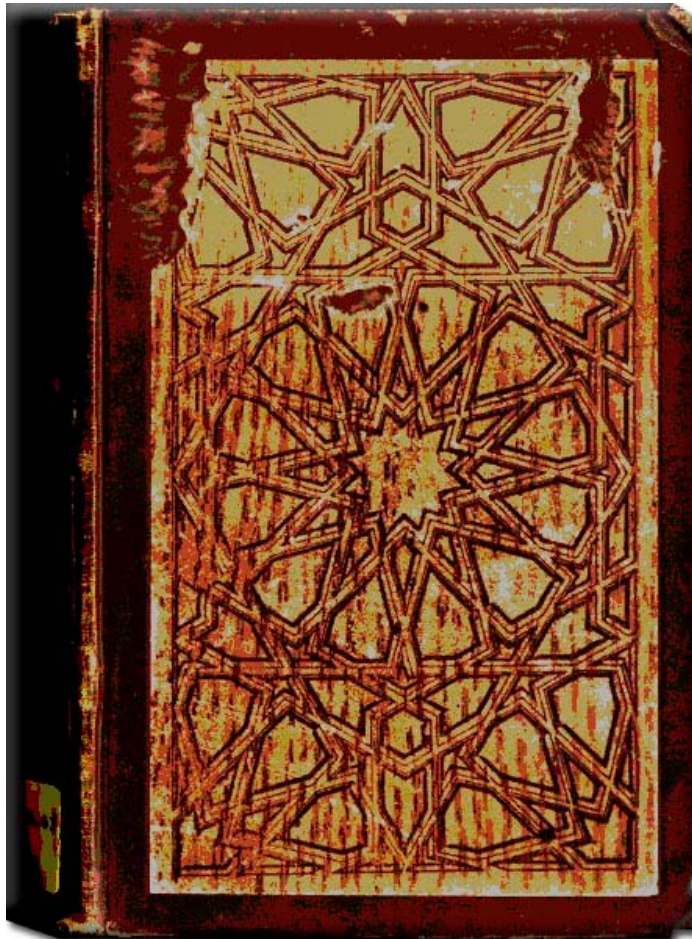
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REPORT ON THE GEOLOGY OF THE MAPUNGUBWE AREA

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Introduction

The area under investigation during this report is situated immediately south of the borders between South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe, at the confluence of the Limpopo and Shashe Rivers. The area is contained within the farms Greefswald 37MS, Stindal 30MS, Cerberus 38MS and La Reue 39MS, and forms part of the proposed Vhembe-Dongola National Park. The area has long been known as a site of considerable archaeological interest, in view of the stone-age San and Khoe-khoe rock paintings and engravings, and the sites of iron-age occupation at K2 in the 10th century and at Mapungubwe hill in the 13th century. Since 1930, a considerable amount of archaeological research has been undertaken, and has precipitated the need for a broader understanding of the cultural landscape. In order to partially fulfil this need, the area was subjected to a geological investigation during parts of November and December 2001. A geological map of the area was also produced, which accompanies this report. Whilst some aspects of this report focus on the relationship between geology and archaeology, it is also intended as a more general discussion of the geological phenomena in the Mapungubwe area.

General stratigraphy of the area

The geology of the Mapungubwe area can be considered to comprise two layers of strata, which together can be termed the *Clarens Formation*, which form part of the upper Karoo Supergroup. The lower-most layer is known as the *Red Rock Member* of the Clarens Formation. Resting above this, the upper layer is termed the *Tshipise Member* of the Clarens Formation. These strata were deposited during the mid-Jurassic (about 175 million years ago).

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Re-dating of Chinese celadon shards excavated on Mapungubwe Hill, a 13th century Iron Age site in South Africa, using Raman spectroscopy, XRF and XRD

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Chinese celadon shards of the Longquan type, believed to date from the Southern Song dynasty (1127–1279 AD), were excavated in 1934 on Mapungubwe Hill, a 13th century Iron Age site in the Limpopo valley, South Africa. We studied the shards with Raman spectroscopy, x-ray fluorescence (XRF) spectroscopy and x-ray diffraction (XRD). The Raman polymetazation index (I_p), calculated from the spectra of the glaze of the shards, indicated a higher firing temperature than expected for the relatively calcium-rich Longquan glazes of the Southern Song dynasty. XRF analysis of the glaze and XRD measurements of the bulk of the shards supported this view and date the shards to possibly the Yuan (1279–1368 AD) or even early Ming (1368–1644 AD) dynasties. These results have an impact on the chronology of the history of the region and therefore call for further research of a comparative nature of other Chinese celadon shards excavated on archaeological sites in Africa, in addition to additional carbon dates of Mapungubwe Hill. Copyright © 2005 John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.

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The Illustrated London News reported on 8 April 1933, 'a remarkable discovery in the Transvaal: a grave of unknown origin, containing much gold-work, found on the summit of a natural rock stronghold in a wild region'.¹

This discovery turned the myths and legends surrounding the sacred hill Mapungubwe (Tsi Vanda for 'the hill of the jackal') into factual history. An ancient legend, suggesting certain death upon ascending the hill, helped to protect the last resting place of the rulers of a prehistoric African trade kingdom (ca 1000–1200 AD) for more than seven centuries. Furthermore, the occurrence of malaya and ivory by made the Limpopo valley the wildest and most desirable part of the Transvaal and helped to protect the site from looting, which occurred at most other Iron Age sites in southern Africa.² The discovery in 1933 of intact gold-bearing graves by prospectors was therefore a remarkable find of great archaeological

and historical significance and marked the beginning of a 70-year archaeological project, which has recently resulted in the founding of the Mapungubwe Museum, University of Pretoria.

Two fragments of Chinese porcellaneous ware were excavated in 1934, during the first archaeological expedition to Mapungubwe, in the occupation layers on the hilltop, one at 4 m and the other at 1 m from the surface. They were classified in the same year by the British Museum as celadon from the late Southern Song dynasty (1127–1279 AD).³ In 1991, another shard, belonging to the same vessel, was found at the main entrance to Mapungubwe hill.⁴ The shards and thousands of imported glass beads, which were also excavated at the site, connect Mapungubwe to the extensive maritime trade network, established already in the 1st century AD, which linked East Africa with the mooncoast-based commercial systems of the Indian Ocean (Fig. 1). African raw materials such as gold, tinucens horn, ivory, ambergris, frankincense and myrrh were exchanged for cotton, porcelain and glass trade beads.⁴

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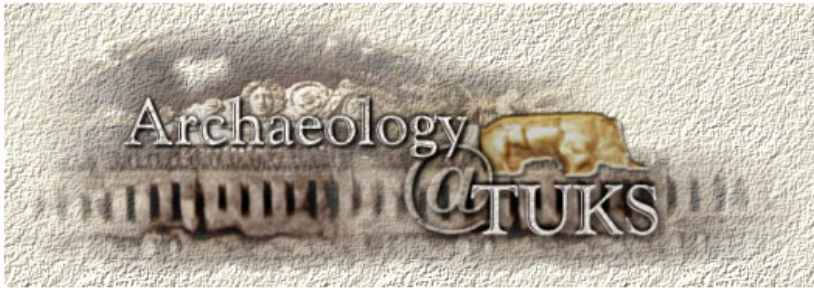
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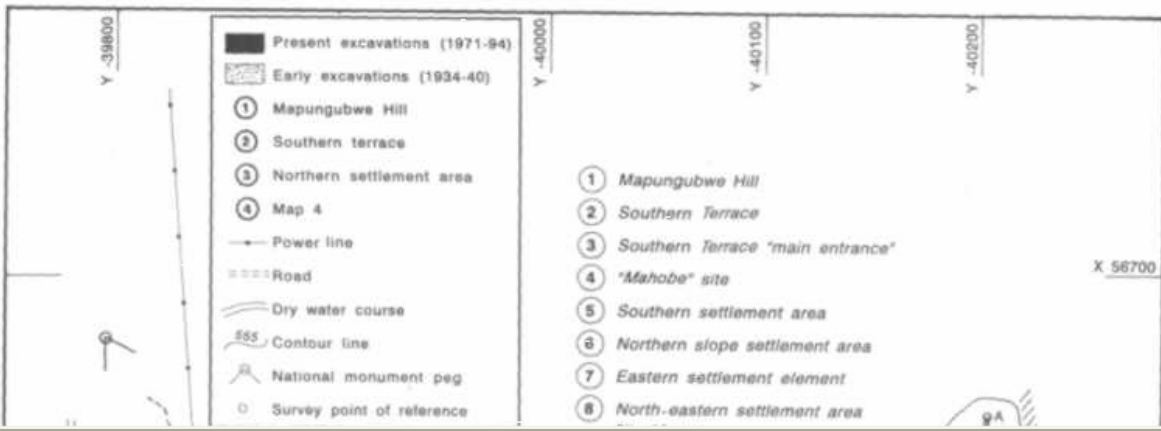
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- Present excavations (1971-84)
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- 1 Mapungubwe Hill
- 2 Southern terrace
- 3 Northern settlement area
- 4 Map 4
- Power line
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- Contour line
- National monument peg
- Survey point of reference

The site list on the right includes:

- 1 Mapungubwe Hill
- 2 Southern Terrace
- 3 Southern Terrace "main entrance"
- 4 "Mahobe" site
- 5 Southern settlement area
- 6 Northern slope settlement area
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- 8 North-eastern settlement area



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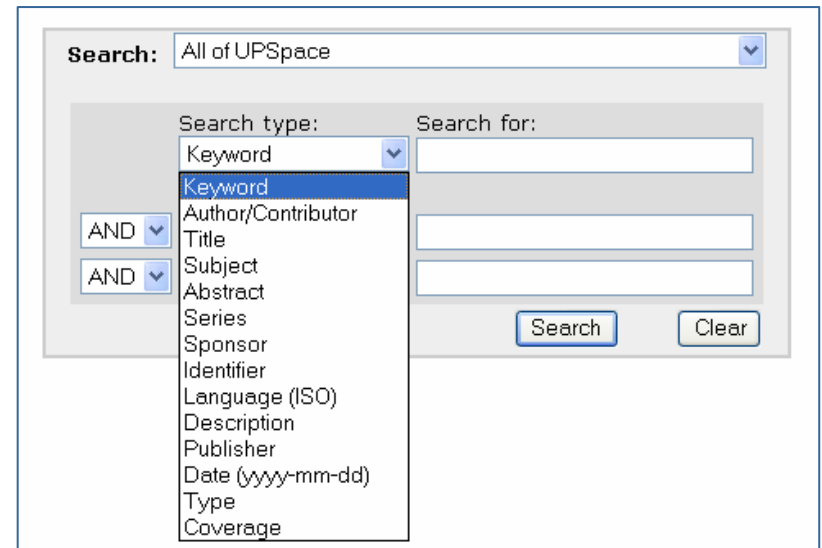
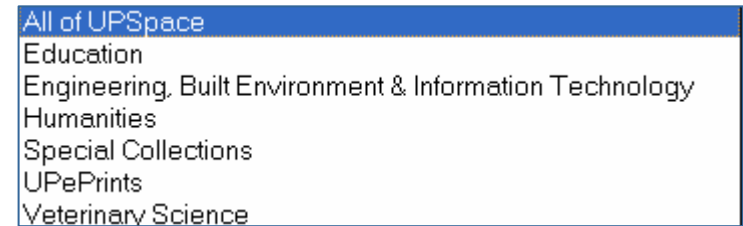
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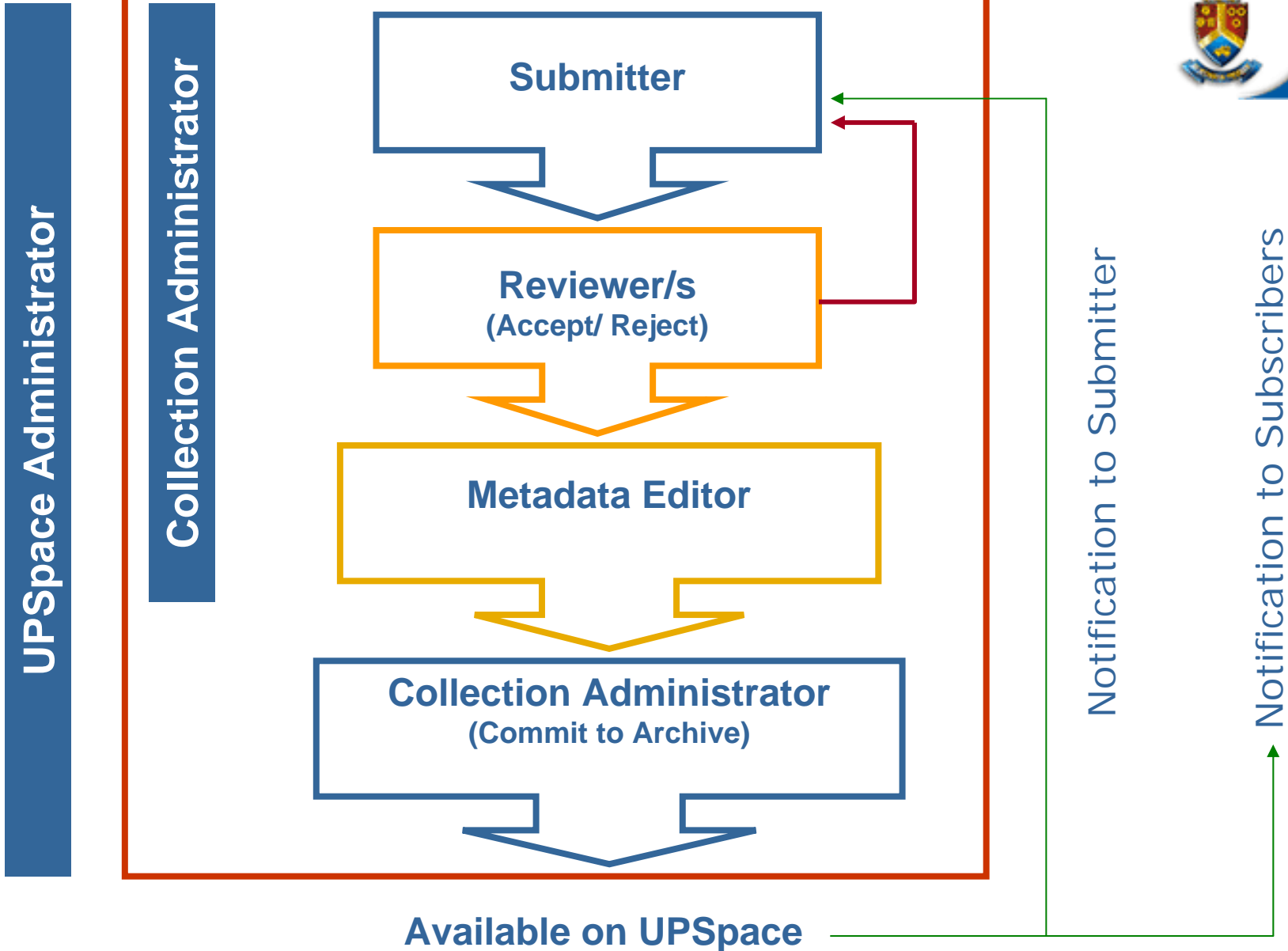


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