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FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR:

Welcome to the first edition of *Infomania* for 2023. We hope you'll find the newsletter informative.

In February the Library had the pleasure of a visit from the great grandchildren of Jotello Festiri Soga.

We welcomed Myleen Oosthuizen as the new Faculty Library Manager for the Jotello F Soga Library. Sadly we have to say goodbye to Amelia Breytenbach who retires in May. She will be greatly missed.

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)

The great grandchildren of Jotello F Soga visited the Library

by Myleen Oosthuizen

On Sunday morning, 12 February 2023, the Jotello F Soga Library at Onderstepoort welcomed special guests, the great granddaughters of Jotello Festiri Soga. JF Soga was the first South African to qualify as a veterinary surgeon and graduated from The Royal (Dick) Veterinary College in Edinburgh in 1886, after which he returned to South Africa.

The two sisters, Jean Duncan and Pat Thomson from Edinburgh, Scotland, were on vacation in South Africa as Jean was also umpiring at the World Indoor Hockey Championship. Marguerite Nel, Modisa Khosi, Amelia Breytenbach and Myleen Oosthuizen, shared an insightful morning with them, exchanging information about their great grandfather. A pamphlet with the career history of their great grandfather and a special internally crafted UP DLS booklet, was presented to Jean and Pat. Marguerite took them for a library tour and Amelia shared with them the Veterinary subject guides containing Veterinary history of South Africa and of Jotello Soga.

They shared with us photos of the family to which they also gave consent for it to be uploaded to UPSpace. Photos were taken with them at the bust of Jotello F Soga. We enjoyed a pleasant morning with Jean and Pat who were so grateful for the Veterinary Library making the visit possible.





A wish come true, sisters Jean and Pat photographed at the bust of their great grandfather, Jotello F Soga.



Gifts from the library presented to Pat Thompson (2nd from right). On photo left, Amelia Breytenbach, Modisa Khosi, and Marguerite Nel far right

The Veterinary Library took part in the Faculty of Veterinary Science Postgraduate Onboarding Program

by Myleen Oosthuizen

A two-day workshop for new and current MSc and PhD candidates was arranged by Monica van Niekerk, the postgraduate student advisor in the Veterinary Faculty, and the Postgraduate Student Association (PGSA) at Onderstepoort. Prof Marinda Oosthuizen, the Deputy Dean of Research and Postgraduate Studies, invited all candidates to this Onboarding Program that took place from 29 to 30 March at the Onderstepoort Teaching and Development Center (OTDC) and was attended by 30 postgraduates.

On day one the students were addressed by Me Myleen Oosthuizen for a library session, Prof Henriette van Heerden for Research Methodology, Scientific Misconduct and Plagiarism, Mr Velly Nkosi for an Introduction to ClickUp and a Security briefing from Mr Rowan Watson. After lunch, Dr Monica van Niekerk held a Student Wellness session where she discussed time management during postgraduate studies.

During day two Prof Vinny Naidoo, Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Science and Animal Ethics Chair, discussed the Ethics application process and how these applications are reviewed. An introduction to statistics session was held by Prof Geoff Fosgate. Stories were shared by four final year students on their postgraduate experiences as motivation to the new students. Students were taken on a campus tour to all the important places, after which the event closed with a pleasant braai at the cafeteria. This event also featured on the Onderstepoort PGSA social pages.

The Jotello F Soga Library welcomed the invitation to be part of the Postgraduate Onboarding Program.



Postgraduate Onboarding sessions took place at the Veterinary Teaching and Development Center (VTDC)

Automated ILL workflow with Tipasa

by Maria Mtsweni

A new patron-initiated requesting (pre-requesting) procedure has also been activated this year. This new procedure is more integrated with other functions on the library system and users do not need to register anymore before they can submit interlending requests.

With automation, e-resources can be delivered super-fast and super-safe, filling requests for copies within 24 hours, and sometimes in as little as 15 minutes. Once the user places an article request that is available at libraries that are listed, the article will be automatically downloaded to the user's email. The user will receive the article URL and password to open it. Once the article is opened 5 times, or after 30 days, access to the article is closed.

New e-books in our collection

by Tertia Coetsee

Infectious Diseases of the Horse Diagnosis, pathology, management, and public health	J.H. van der Kolk , E.J.B. & Veldhuis Kroeze https://UnivofPretoria.on.worldcat.org/oclc/1351344865
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Barile's Clinical Toxicology	Frank A. Barile https://UnivofPretoria.on.worldcat.org/oclc/1098275228
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Atlas of Veterinary Surgical Pathology	Joseph S. Haynes https://UnivofPretoria.on.worldcat.org/oclc/1363107483
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Ethics in Veterinary Practice	Barry Kipperman https://UnivofPretoria.on.worldcat.org/oclc/1339099307
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Transformative agreements at UP

by Myleen Oosthuizen

Publishing in Open Access journals increases the visibility and impact of research. Research status is coming with the cost of paying article processing charges (APC), as the researcher has to pay for the reader to have free access to the publication.

Transformative Agreements developed between institutions and publishers to pave the way for a less complicated process and more affordable solution.

The University of Pretoria has arrangements, as part of the SANLIC consortium, with several publishers that mean that staff and students can achieve Open Access for their publications without the need to apply for funding. These transformative agreements with publishers was initiated in 2022, starting with three publishers, Wiley, Emerald and ACM. The Wiley agreement is extended this year to include additional titles, also covering gold OA and Hindawi journals. New transformative agreements were closed with Springer Nature, Science Direct, and the American Chemical Society. The list of titles available on transformative agreements were updated and is available at the following link: https://www.library.up.ac.za/ld.php?content_id=65993708

If the preferred title is not listed, an application can be done for partial subsidy of the APC cost. For this application the title has to be accredited, full OA, and fulfill in the metric requirements of the relevant department.

Contact your library for assistance in choosing a suitable journal to publish in and for guidance with subsidy and agreement titles.

Contact us with any inquiries or support: Myleen.oosthuizen@up.ac.za

Websites for more information:

Transformative Agreement titles:

https://www.library.up.ac.za/ld.php?content_id=65993708

Open Access & Journals:

<https://library.up.ac.za/c.php?g=1126926&p=824988>

Wiley, Emerald, ACM and OA publishing information:

<https://library.up.ac.za/c.php?g=1126926&p=9522747>

The DLS Annual Review:2022

by Myleen Oosthuizen

We are delighted to share with you the DLS Annual Review of 2022, which is now accessible on the library website at the following link:

https://library.up.ac.za/ld.php?content_id=71752732

The Veterinary Library SDG project is mentioned and we also share the subject guide with you. All the Faculty of Veterinary Science research output (theses & dissertations & research articles) since 2015, are, where relevant, linked to the Unites Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

https://www.up.ac.za/department-of-library-services/news/post_3075787-sustainable-development-goals-project-for-veterinary-science

Welcoming our new staff member

by Tertia Coetsee

We are delighted to welcome Myleen Oosthuizen as the new Faculty Library Manager for the Jotello F Soga Library. Myleen was the Coordinator for the Basic Medical Sciences & Dentistry Library.

Myleen, welcome and we hope that you will enjoy your new career here at Onderstepoort.



Myleen's contact details are myleen.oosthuizen@up.ac.za (012) 529 8007

Saying Goodbye after four decades

by Amelia Breytenbach

On the 31st of May 2023 I will close my office door at the Dept of Library Service for the last time after a career of 43 year. It was been an honour and a privilege to work for the University of Pretoria for the last four decades.

I started my career as a library assistant on the 1st of February 1980 in the journal section of the Merensky Library. In 1980 I received my BBibI degree from the University of Pretoria and was promoted to cataloguer. On the 1st of February 1993 I was transferred to the Veterinary Science Library (now known as the Jotello F. Soga Library) as the cataloguer of all material for veterinary science. Besides for cataloguing and classification of information resources, other highlights of my career are specializing in metadata, metadata applications and the building of information products such as Libguides for Open access resources for veterinary science, the South African National Veterinary Repository, Sustainable Development Goals and the Faculty newsletters and publications. Another highlight of my career was the coordination, development and metadata tagging of historical information resources for establishing the South African National Veterinary Repository (SANVR) for the Faculty of Veterinary Science in partnership with the South African Veterinary Association and the Onderstepoort Veterinary Institute.

All these wonderful opportunities opened the doors for me to be author and co-author of several library papers and presentations presented at various conferences, workshops and training sessions. I was also co-author of the article entitled *“The African elephant: a digital collection of anatomical sketches as part of the University of Pretoria's institutional repository - a case study”* published in OCLC Systems & Services: International digital library perspectives. The article has been chosen as an outstanding paper award winner at the Literati Network Awards for Excellence 2009. In my wildest dreams, I never thought that such a prestigious award would be bestowed on the article about one of the many veterinary science collections in the UPSpace

repository.

While I look forward to enjoying my retirement, I will miss being part of the veterinary team at the Jotello F. Soga Library. I trust that the friendships I have developed here will last well into the future. I want to thank the Dept. of Library Services, the Faculty of Veterinary Science and each staff member for the many opportunities you have given me over the years. I have grown personally and professionally, and am very pleased with the work I have done, the students I have been privileged to work with, and the departmental and institutional contact I had through the years. Thank you for your part in helping me to make all the wonderful memories from my working career I can now take with me.



Staff news

by Tertia Coetsee

Congratulations to Khomotso Moabelo, our afterhours student staff member in the Onderstepoort Research Commons, on the publication of her article [“Contamination of beef and beef products by *Listeria* spp. and molecular characterization of *L. monocytogenes* in Mpumalanga, South Africa.”](#)

Her co-authors are Nomakorinte Gcebe, James Gana, Yusuf B. Ngoshe, and Abiodun A. Adesiyun. The article was published on 29 March 2023 in the Journal of Food Safety.

The support given by Khomotso to postgrads in the Research commons, range from monitoring the tidiness and discipline of the area, to general IT support, MS Office support (MS Advance Word editing and support with Excel spreadsheets), support in using statistical programs (R, SPSS and Stata) and EndNote. She is available from Monday to Thursday for 4 hours daily.



Our staff is available online for support

<http://www.library.up.ac.za/vet>



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