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FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR:

Welcome to the first edition of *Infomania* for 2024. We hope you'll find the newsletter informative.

The Jotello F Soga Library took part in various events during the beginning of this year which include Research week and Teaching and Learning week. We Presented an "Amazing Race", aim to increase awareness of different library services and products.

This issue features an interesting donation of old books from the Veterinary History Society. Also, an interesting workshop presented by our Research Commons on basic SPSS. We took part in a community outreach to Eersterus to promote reading to school children. The Jotello F Soga Library planning for 2024 includes activities to increase researcher visibility, publishing support, and SDGs linked to Faculty publications and activities.

We hope you will enjoy this issue of *Infomania*, keeping you up-to-date on the latest happenings at the Jotello F Soga Library.

Tertia Coetsee (Editor)

Research visibility, publishing and SDGs: the interactive trio by Myleen Oosthuizen

Aligning with the UP vision of internationalization of the university's research profile, and the Department of Library Science (DLS) support of the open science initiative and open access publishing, the Jotello F Soga Library planning for 2024 includes activities to increase researcher visibility.

A flagship goal for the DLS is to enhance research output and visibility by linking publications and activities to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Linking SDGs to research, increase citations and visibility which in turn impact on university rankings. SDG impact is added to the QS World University Rankings and the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings. UP is climbing the rankings with a 42nd place in the world in 2024 based on THE rankings, reaching the top 50. (UP News, 14 June 2024)

The work of Amelia Breytenbach, a retired librarian of the Jotello F Soga Library, was used as the pilot study for the DLS project. The Veterinary Science SDG subject guide is created to highlight the faculty's contributions to the 17 sustainable development goals through their research and activities. This SDG subject guide will form the basis for all faculties to enhance the University of Pretoria's commitment to end poverty, protect the planet and improve the lives and prospects of everyone, everywhere.

Marketing events will take place throughout 2024 to increase awareness among researchers to link their research to the sustainable development goals. A webinar on SDGs and the creation of the SDG search platform was presented by Marguerite Nel during the DLS Research Week that took place from 22 – 26 April 2024. The DLS is hosting the South African SDG Hub.

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



Oh how amazing was the race at Jotello!

by Myleen Oosthuizen

During the week of 15 – 19 April, a conquest of fun and games took place at the Jotello F Soga Library as part of the Teaching & Learning Week. The teaching and learning initiative attend to the needs of different student groups and aim to increase awareness of library services and products. Undergraduates registered for the Amazing Race and embarked on academic challenges while discovering library services, products and spaces.

The completion of one challenge supplied the clue to the next. The quests cover from finding Arnold Theiler’s antique suitcase, using the newly implemented room-booking system, loading money for printing, using the self-help book check-out machine, finding emergency exits in the library, get to know your information specialists, finding books on the shelves, and finding the water fountain, to selfies with Jotello F Soga!

Completion of the race ensured an entry to the final Prize Draw at the end of the week. The winning prize, a conference speaker sponsored by Createk, and

extra prizes received from CRISP campus cafeteria and Minolta, were drawn and presented to the winners by Prof Jannie Crafford from the Department of Veterinary Tropical Diseases and BVSc Lecturer of the year 2023.

At Onderstepoort we will definitely repeat this fun learning initiative in future.



1st Prize winner is Shria Ramdulhaarie receiving her prize from Maria Mtsweni from the Jotello F Soga Library.



Prof Jannie Crafford presenting prizes to runner-up students Maakesele Mathaba and Katlego Venter.

Old book donation

by Tertia Coetsee

Dr Alex Niven (BVMS, MRCVS, SAVC) donated books and instruments via the Veterinary History Society to the Jotello F Soga Library. The books are dated between 1810 -1916. It is currently on display in the library.

The practical stock doctor, a reliable, common-sense ready-reference book for the Farmer and Stock Owner. Edited by George A. Waterman. George Arthur, Ed Waterman. 1912

Veterinary practice at home. Day, Son & Hewitt. 1916

Taplin improved: or, A compendium of farriery ... By an experienced farrier. William TAPLIN. 1811

Every man his own farrier: or, the whole art of farriery laid open...; To which is added an appendix: including many excellent recipes. Francis Clater. [1810?]

Clater's every man his own farrier. D McTaggart, Francis Clater, J S Rarey (John Solomon) 1867

Canine Pathology, or a full description of the diseases of dogs; with their causes, symptoms, and mode of cure ... Preceded by an introductory chapter on the moral qualities of the dog. Delabere P Blaine (Delabere Pritchett). 1824

The Yorkshire cattle-doctor and farrier: a treatise on the diseases of horned **cattle**, calves, and horses. University of Southampton Knowlson, John C Kendall, R. 1848



Storytelling fun day

The Department of Library Services Community Outreach Engagement Team hosted a storytelling event at the Sensory STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Medicine) garden at the Mamelodi campus with a group of children of an Early Childhood development (ECD) “Suikerbakkies” school from Eersterus to promote reading to school children

The core value of the University of Pretoria’s Community Outreach Engagement is to address the needs of identified communities through knowledge, skills and resources. The Jotello Soga Library team is always part of this great contribution. Mathuloe Moshidi is our representative on this team.

Click on the on the Instagram link below to view activities of the event

<https://www.instagram.com/p/C7auEs5v6jJ/>



Report on basic SPSS workshop

by Khomotso Moabelo

Presenters: Lehlogonolo Tabana and Meisie Rasekanya

Venue: Boardroom on Level 2 in the Arnold Theiler Building

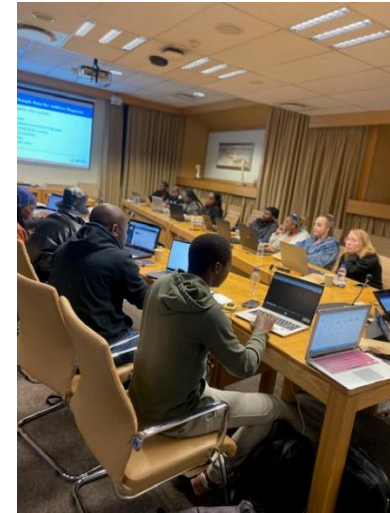
Time: 09:00 – 12:00

The basic IBM SPSS training session took place on Saturday, 22nd of June 2024 at the Onderstepoort campus, in the boardroom on Level 2 of the Arnold Theiler Building. The session was facilitated by Lehlogonolo Tabana and Meisie Rasakanya, both from the Hatfield campus.

Meisie presented on the theoretical aspects of IBM SPSS statistics, providing a comprehensive overview of its functionalities and applications. Lehlogonolo demonstrated the practical aspects, including creating and editing data files on IBM SPSS, navigating the variable view screen, and the use and benefits of filters. Lehlogonolo was assisted by Research Commons personnel Khomotso, Naledi, Lesego, and Meisie.

Practical examples were used throughout the presentation, allowing students to engage actively by analysing provided data sets. Participants were able to generate data in terms of frequencies, percentages, and graphs from their analyses. This hands-on approach facilitated a deeper understanding of the software's capabilities.

Overall, the session was a success, with 21 postgraduate students participating and engaging with the presenters. The session was organized by Myleen Oosthuizen, the library manager, who also provided refreshments for the participants. We would also like to extend our gratitude to Lesego and the team from Hatfield Research Commons for their support during the training session, and to everyone who attended.



Participants engaging with practical examples during the IBM SPSS training session, guided by facilitator Lehlogonolo Tabana.



Lehlogonolo Tabana facilitating the IBM SPSS training session at the Onderstepoort campus.

New e-books in our collection

by Tertia Coetsee

Mental wellbeing and positive psychology for veterinary professionals : a pre-emptive, proactive and solution-based approach

Laura Woodward .

<https://UnivofPretoria.on.worldcat.org/oclc/1391119857>

The History of Veterinary Education in Edinburgh

Alastair A Macdonald Colin M Warwick

<https://UnivofPretoria.on.worldcat.org/oclc/1427064017>

A concise history of veterinary medicine

Susan D Jones 1964-, Peter A Koolmees(Author)

<https://UnivofPretoria.on.worldcat.org/oclc/1321819587>

BSAVA manual of canine and feline endocrinology

Carmel T Mooney. Mark E Peterson, Robert E Shield

<https://UnivofPretoria.on.worldcat.org/oclc/1392163421>

The “Fun Dress-Up Day”

by Tertia Coetsee

The Jotello F Soga Library had a fun dress-up day during South African Library Week! On 17 March 2024, we celebrated Crazy Library Week.

This year the theme for South African Library week was “Libraries Foster Social Cohesion” from 18 - 24 March 2024.

Libraries give us the possibility to discover something truly special: a place to connect with others, learn new skills, and focus on what matters most. We wanted our users to discover the possibilities at their library, libraries can be fun too!

The annual celebration of library Week during the third week of March forms part of a national drive to promote information services and resources as well as reading and the benefits of literacy.





books after evaluation and removal of the duplicates. In January 2024 we open the written off books to departments to visit the library, choose and take books, which are less traumatic than sending them to the paper bins. We were surprised as almost all books were grabbed up by staff and students without the necessity to call on the waste paper collectors!

Jotello F Soga is now ready for the next phase and awaiting Faculty to schedule the architect for a follow-up visit to make changes and integrate the plans with a master plan for the whole library.

Ready to Reno: update on Jotello Library renovations by Myleen Oosthuizen

How time flies – it is already a year since our 2023 update on the renovation project.

Since I started in Susan Marsh's position as manager of the Jotello F Soga Library in December 2022, the renovation of level five, was a lively discussion. The moving of all the Veterinary journals to the off-campus storage space at Groenkloof (then still under investigation) was completed mid-2023. We planned (as only library personnel can do) and moved the print book collection from level five to level four by end 2023. The huge reserved collection was integrated with the books on level four, leaving much space for renovation. Ernest Sefolo, our cataloguer, did a great job by writing off all the weeded





Level 5, all books and shelves removed, patiently waiting for renovations

Our staff is available online for support

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



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