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FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR:

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

The Jotello F Soga Library supports research, teaching, learning and entrepreneurship. As part of our strategic goals for this year, we presented an online webinar on the Makerspace activities.

This issue features long service certificates presented to some of our personnel. It also features some interesting workshops attended. The Jotello F Soga Library participated in the annual Mandela Day projects and contributed to three different outreach events.

The History Society awarded Erica van die Westhuizen, previous manager of the Jotello F Soga Library, for her outstanding contributions to the history of veterinary science. Erica passed away in January this year, the award was presented to her daughter Eloise de Beer.

The content on this issue of *Infomania* summarizes activities of the last six months within the Jotello F Soga Library.

Tertia Coetsee (Editor)

Makerspace - supporting research, teaching, learning and entrepreneurship

~ Myleen Oosthuizen

One of the DLS (Department of Library Services) strategic goals for 2024, is the extension and re-design of the Makerspace area and services. 3D scanning and 3D printing processes encompass promising possibilities in research, teaching and learning. In support of the Makerspace activities, the Jotello F Soga Library assists in the marketing and sharing of the Makerspace by hosting a webinar on the 3rd of October 2024.

For those not familiar with a Makerspace, it is a creative place where users come together to test ideas by using equipment and programs to which they do not have access from their homes. This “makerspace movement” started around 2005 when a journal, *Make Magazine*, started to publish make-related projects and identified venues where “makers” can create and share ideas. Libraries took notice and started to re-design spaces to incorporate Makerspaces and so did the DLS at UP.

To increase impact and add interest to the webinar, we invited three speakers for the event. Christelle Steyn, manager of the Makerspace at Hatfield campus, presented to the attendees an introduction and background on the Makerspace services and possibilities. She shared interesting examples of projects done at the Makerspace, including veterinary projects.

An alumnus from the Veterinary Faculty, dr Klaas-Jan van de Wetering, a veterinary surgeon in private practice, presented case studies on surgery done on animal patients with excellent outcomes. In one case, a brave Rottweiler called Covid, received an artificial foot, and in another a macaw was fitted with an artificial 3D-printed beak.

The non-academic uses of a Makerspace were emphasized by a fourth year undergraduate veterinary student, Christiaan Bronkhorst, also a representative

on the Student Council, who shared his hobby of diorama creations. He uses 3D-printing to create the miniature figurines. Christiaan also touched on the entrepreneurial possibilities of a Makerspace.

We want to believe that we spread the reach and possibilities of the Makerspace as a collaborating space where “UP makers” can share ideas and enhance innovation.

Related Links:

UP Makerspace Subject Guide:

<https://library.up.ac.za/makerspace>

UP team performs SA-first surgery to attach artificial foot to three-year-old Rottweiler

<https://bit.ly/3zKsWH1>

UP vet team gives macaw new lease of life with 3D-printed beak

<https://repository.up.ac.za/handle/2263/82686>



Covid, the Rottweiler with his new prosthetic foot

Emergency Response for Documentary Heritage workshop

~ Mathuloe Moshidi

The "Emergency Response for Documentary Heritage" workshop took place at the South African National Library in Pretoria from 11 to 15 November 2024. This important regional training was aimed at safeguarding documentary heritage during crisis situations. It presented an excellent opportunity for attendees to develop the capacity needed to address the growing threats facing documentary heritage in the region. Protecting our archives is essential to ensure access for future generations.



HH Curson Awards for lifetime service

~ Tertia Coetsee

The HH Curson Award was posthumously conferred on Erica Emma van der Westhuizen in recognition of the exceptional unselfish and consistent contributions made over decades to the development and promotion of veterinary history in South Africa.

The Veterinary History Society of South Africa arranged a day session on veterinary history at the World Veterinary Association Congress in Cape Town in April, with 12 papers presented, of which 10 were by South Africans. Two HH Curson Awards for lifetime service were conferred on Heloise Heyne and posthumously, on Erica van der Westhuizen.

Mrs Erica van der Westhuizen, member of the Veterinary History Society of South Africa (VHS) and its forerunner, SAVA's History Committee, sadly passed away on 2 January 2024.

She was a dedicated member of the SAVA's History Committee and the VHS, with relevant information to share as a veterinary science librarian and Head of the Veterinary Science library at UP from 1981 until her retirement in September 2009.

Erica was instrumental in changing the name of the library to the Jotello F Soga Library. A naming ceremony took place on 5 May 2009. Her contributions to conserving the history of veterinary science in South Africa were remarkable.

The input she made in the lives of veterinarians, veterinary academics and students during her career at Onderstepoort, was inspirational and appreciated. Four Deans, Proff le Roux, Coubrough, Kriek and Swan, the amalgamation of MEDUNSA with the Faculty of Veterinary Science at UP, as well as several undergraduate degree changes, all impacted her work. She had no lack of enthusiasm and played a large role in establishing an international network of veterinary science librarians.

She exposed her staff to multiple opportunities to grow and participate in national and international veterinary information conferences and training events. Erica and her team successfully hosted two international veterinary librarian conferences in 1995 and 2005.

Susan Marsh, accompanied by a previous colleague of Erica, Barbara Kellerman, presented the HH Curson Award to Erica's daughter, Eloise de Beer.



Barbara Kellerman, Eloise De Beer and Susan Marsh

Welcoming new afterhours staff members

~ Tertia Coetsee

Cybill Robertson and Nothando Shongwe joined us in September to take up their position for the after-hours shift from 16:00 – 18:00 on weekdays and 08:30 – 12:30 on Saturdays.

We are looking forward to working with Cybill and Nothando and wish them a pleasant stay with us.



Cybill Robertson



Nothando Shongwe

Readathon competition

~ Mathuloe Moshidi

The Department of Library Services' Community Outreach Committee, in collaboration with Gauteng Province's Sports, Arts, Culture, and Recreation, hosted a two-day Readathon Competition on the 21st and 22nd November

2024 at the University of Pretoria's Mamelodi campus. High school and tertiary students from around Gauteng participated in the competition, where they reviewed two books in four minutes. Participants had the chance to win prizes, including laptops, trophies, and medals, and certificates of participation were issued to all attendees.



New e-books in our collection

~ Tertia Coetsee

Mental Wellbeing and Positive Psychology for Veterinary Professionals: A Pre-emptive, Proactive and Solution-based Approach

Laura Woodward McFaddin

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

Integrative Medicine in
Veterinary Practice

Lisa P. McFaddin

<https://UnivofPretoria.on.worldcat.org/oclc/1430664515>

Drug Compounding for
Veterinary Professionals

Lauren R. Eichstadt Forsythe PharmD, DICVP,, Alexandria E.
Gochenauer

<https://UnivofPretoria.on.worldcat.org/oclc/1382690877>

Wildlife Ethics

Clare Palmer

<https://UnivofPretoria.on.worldcat.org/oclc/1381209501>

Fundamentals of
Veterinary Microbiology

Andrew N. Rycroft

<https://UnivofPretoria.on.worldcat.org/oclc/1407570847>



The DLS participated in three projects during 2024

Project 1: **"Warm Winter"**: July 15, 2024, at Mothwa Haven old age home. Objective: To donate beanies and socks to enhance comfort for elderly residents.

Project 2: **"Soup in a Bottle"**: July 18, 2024, at The Inn House homeless shelter. Objective: Organize a donation drive and communal meal event to support individuals experiencing homelessness.

Project 3: **"Rapelego Drop Center"**: July 19, 2024, at a local homework center for students. Objective: Donate soup ingredients and educational assistance to promote academic support among students.

Community Outreach: Mandela Day Projects 2024

~ Mathuloe Moshidi

The Department of Library Service's Community Outreach and Engagement focus group visited Tshwane Leadership Foundation, the Inn House homeless shelter for the elderly, to donate Soup-in-a-Bottle ingredients and food parcels to commemorate Mandela Day, 18 July 2024.

Please click here <https://www.instagram.com/uplibrary/reel/C9y-YwpKlpk/> to view activities on the day

Long Service Certificates-2024

Congratulations to Maria Mtsweni from Jotello F Soga (30 years), Tertia Coetsee from Jotello F Soga (30 years), Mamphuthi Mohulatsi from the BMS Library at Health Sciences (15 years), and Mathuloe Moshidi from Jotello F Soga (10 years) who received acknowledgement for their years of loyal service to the University.



Tertia Coetsee, Mamphuthi Mohulatsi, Mathuloe Moshidi and Maria Mtsweni

Exam Stress Relieve

On 13 November our personnel gave hand-outs of “Brain Glucose” to studying students to boost their energy levels and raise the spirits for the exam period. Students were surprised and appreciate the gesture.



Sometimes a little kindness goes a long way

Jotello F Soga Library Facts: 2024

91.8% of VET Faculty academics & researchers have ORCID profiles

Jotello F Soga compiled highest % metric reports per academic in the DLS (277 reports)

Jotello F Soga Library Facts: 2024

Gate statistics increased after COVID to 19360 Jan - Nov 2024

Our staff is available online for support

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



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Season's Greetings

