

RefShare: use in Phytomedicine

















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The History of Medicine (Anon)

2000 B.C. Here, eat this root.

1000 A.D. That root is heathen. Here, say this prayer.

1850 A.D. That prayer is superstition. Here, drink this potion

1940 A.D. That potion is snake oil. Here, swallow this pill.

1985 A.D. That pill is ineffective. Here take this antibiotic.

2000 A.D. That antibiotic is artificial. Here, eat this root.





Introduction









- The Phytomedicine Programme of the University of Pretoria
- 2. **Information Support**
 - Subject Portal (Phytomedicine in Africa)
 - Groundbreaking articles
 - Published research output
 - E- Resources
 - **Publishing Proceedings**
- 3. Methodology
- 4. Data collection
- 5. Limitations
- 6.



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The Phytomedicine Programme of the University of Pretoria

- Multidisciplinary
- Collaborative research
- Expertise
- Capacity and facilities
- Focus





Information Support

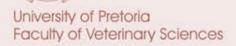






RefShare

- Post class reading lists on a central Web page
- Provide easy access to information for disparate researchers collaborating on a project
- Create and share databases of frequently-requested reference queries by topic
- Provide a linkable database of research done by specific faculty members
- Searchable
- Enables the seamless sharing and exchange of information
- Allows easy transfer of information between RefWorks databases.





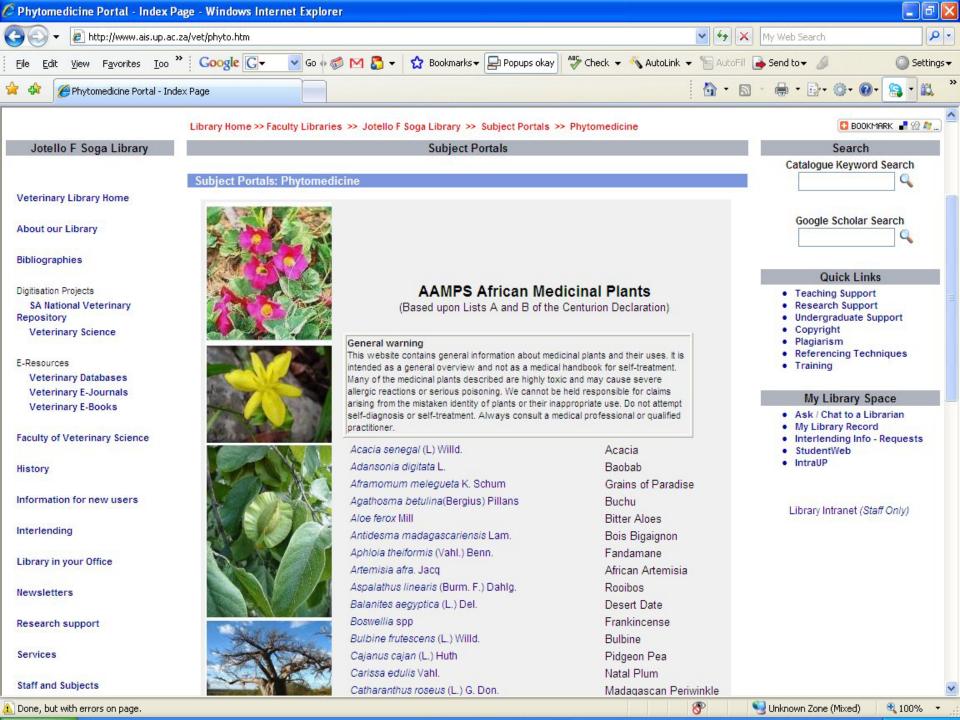


SPECIAL NEEDS OF THE PHYTOMEDICINE PROGRAMME

Collections that need to be accessed

- Core articles or groundbreaking articles
- Published research output of staff and students
- Masters and Doctoral students' research information
- Presentations at conferences and workshops by students and staff
- Research procedures to be used for certain techniques and safety guidelines
- PowerPoint presentations of important lectures or presentations
- Regular Progress Reports
- E-theses of all previous postgraduate students





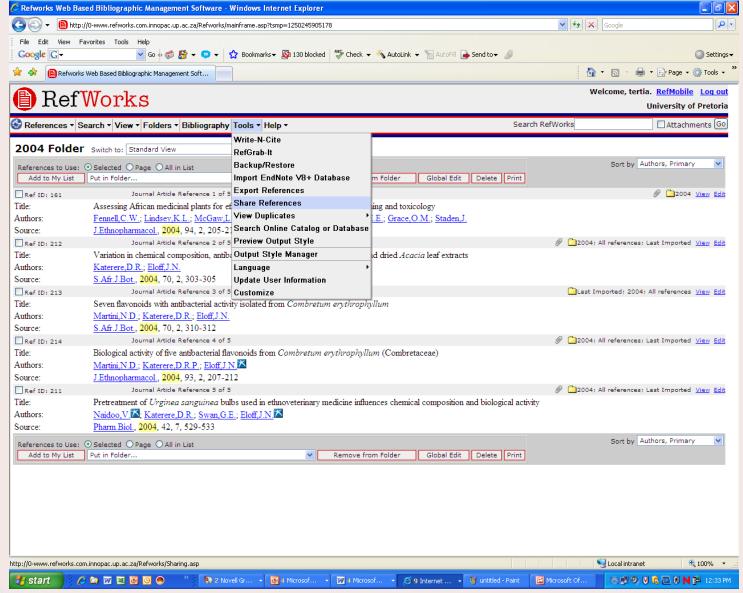




- RefWorks
- RefShare

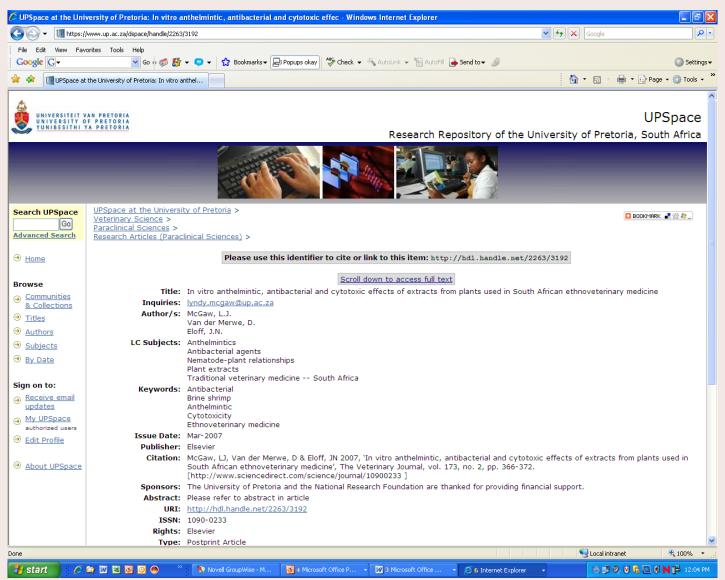


Database of groundbreaking articles





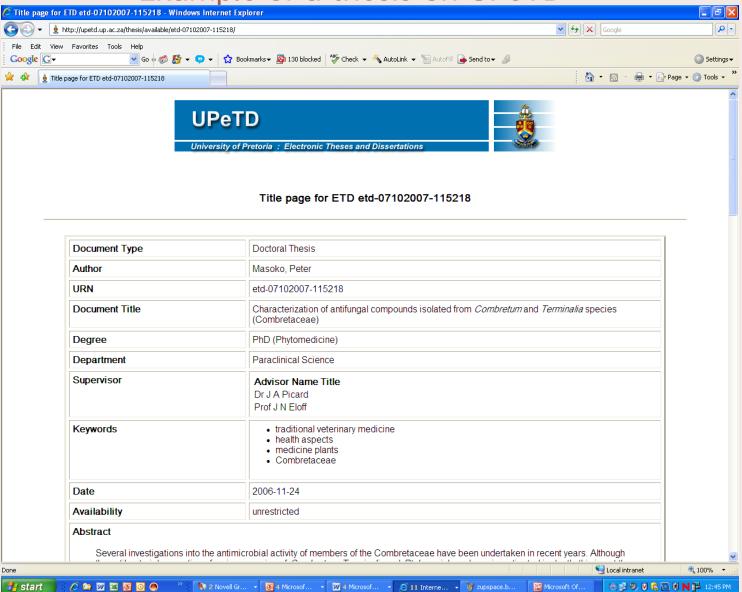
Example of an OpenUP article







Example of a thesis on UPeTD





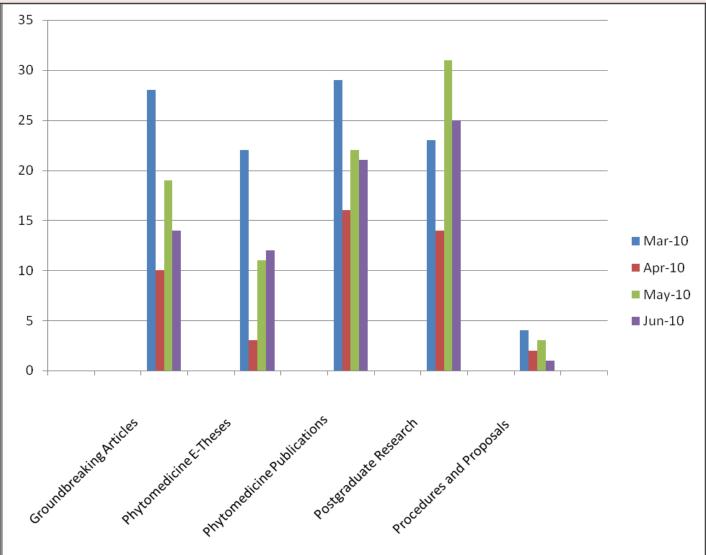
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DATA COLLECTION





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LIMITATIONS

- Students could not add their own files
- Students all fear a lack of privacy or open access
- Students were already progressed in to their studies

 Results will only be clear at the end of the current students study program, 2010-2011





RESEARCH FINDINGS

- Advantages & Positive outcomes
- Sense of Community
- Reluctance/Privacy fear
- Future training







CONCLUSION

 Refshare is a valuable tool to enhance research collaboration





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Thank you





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