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These Proceedings of the 1st Conference of African Animal Health Information Workers reflect the varied issues facing animal health information workers or librarians not only in Africa, but worldwide.

Arranging this Conference, to bring together Africa’s animal health librarians, was no easy task. Targeting mainly the Sub-Saharan veterinary librarians it was disheartening to have mail returned for example from Nigeria with the message, "No mail services to Nigeria" or from Somalia, "No delivery in war zones".

Finding funding was almost as daunting. It was with much gratitude and relief that we finally heard that the OIE Regional Office for Africa would be prepared to finance the veterinary librarians from Kenya, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe, thereby helping this 1st Conference to achieve its goal to bring Africa’s librarians together. For this I must thank Dr D Verwoerd, Chairman of the OIE Regional Office for Africa, and my colleague, David Swanepoel, head of the Onderstepoort Veterinary Institute Library who suggested this funding source to me.

I would also like to thank our American colleagues who presented papers, sharing their expertise with their African counterparts.

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Sadly, while preparing these Proceedings we heard of the death of our colleague Echiwell Kamfwa of the Central Veterinary Research Institute Library in Zambia. He was an active and enthusiastic participant of this Conference and will be sorely missed by the African animal health information community.

It is hoped that these Proceedings will help to further library co-operation and promote animal health information dissemination in Africa.

May they serve as a reminder of the successful meeting of Africa’s veterinary librarians, where they could learn from each other, discuss mutual problems, seek solutions, build partnerships and network for the benefit of their animal health information users.

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Mrs Van der Westhuizen, Miss Pienaar, Deputy Director, UP Academic Information Service, Honoured Guests, Conference Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen

It is an honour and privilege for me to welcome you all to the campus of the Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria. As a first, your conference has a very special significance of its own; a significance which is expanded as you also form an important part of our 75th Anniversary celebrations.

When Sir Arnold Theiler started our Faculty some 75 years ago, one of his ideals was to ensure that information on African diseases and their control was disseminated into Africa. Your focus is also on this ideal - the dissemination of animal health information for Africa. This information is essential to ensure that appropriate disease surveillance can be carried out and that control measures can be timely instituted to enable sustainable food production to occur. Our continent's growth - perhaps even its survival - is dependant on information exchange. As providers of information you have a vital, a key role to play in ensuring that the relevant data is shared and that you link users as widely as possible. Aristotle said: "All men by nature desire knowledge" and veterinarians are no exception. As animal health information workers you are the custodians of a vast resource of knowledge that we need. Modern technology provides an array of opportunities to purvey this essential knowledge in word and picture.

Ladies and Gentlemen, our Faculty is proud of our Veterinary Science Library and the team Mrs Van der Westhuizen leads with great distinction and enthusiasm. We are grateful to you all for joining us to share your expertise with us, to pool the considerable resources available throughout Africa in the Animal Health field and forge closer links that will, I have no doubt, increase the effectiveness of your information provision.

I wish you all the very best as you embark on an exciting four days of information exchange - you are most welcome on our campus.

Prof F J Coumbrough
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