

# InfoMania



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## FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR :

Read about the “American Day” which was held to share Marguerite Nel and Sunette Steynberg’s experiences and knowledge gained during their visit to the USA.

A lesser-used e-resource, The Henry Stewart talks: Biomedical and Life Sciences is introduced together with some of the topics.

Read about the Open Access week during October, the Library’s visit to the Onderstepoort primary school and two of the librarians attending the World Veterinary Congress in Cape Town.

See how we have spent the allocated money for purchasing books and other information sources to support the information and research needs of the users.

For those of you who are just as frustrated as we are with the *Proxy Error* when trying to access the electronic journals, we suggest a possible solution.

If your holiday is going to be “Oh for a book and a shady nook...” *John Wilson (1785 - 1854)* make sure that you do not miss a suggested holiday reading list at the end of the newsletter.

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)**

This newsletter is also available electronically at  
<http://www.library.up.ac.za/vet/infomania.htm>

## An “American Day”

*Marguerite Nel*

Suggested by Hilda Kriel, deputy director of the University of Pretoria Library Service (UPLS), Sunette Steynberg, information specialist for engineering and Marguerite Nel of the Jotello F Soga Library, organised an “*American Day*” for Friday, 22 July 2011. During this event Sunette and Marguerite shared their learning experiences and knowledge gained during their recent internship in the United States of America as part of the Carnegie Corporation of New York grant.



The aim of this day, was not only to give feedback on the USA learning experiences, but also to engage in conversation on how librarians at the University of Pretoria can learn from it, but more importantly, how some of these ideas, trends and *methods - of - doing* could be applied and implemented to the UP Library Services and academic librarianship in South Africa.



Each session was attended by approximately fifty staff members, who also actively participated in the discussions that followed each presentation.

The following themes were discussed: Background and overview of the US Internship programme (Marguerite Nel); the ACRL Conference (Hilda Kriel);

Information literacy training (Sunette Steynberg); Collection Development and Management (Marguerite Nel) and Research Support (Sunette Steynberg) plus a panel discussion by RLC Academy participants.

At tea time guests were treated to peanut butter and choc-chip cookies, baked from recipes in an Amish cookbook Sunette brought back from the US. Lunch, in true American style, consisted of hamburgers and hot dogs and Coca Cola.

All the presentations and notes on the discussions are available on our institutional repository, UPSpace (<http://repository.up.ac.za/handle/2263/4764/search>).

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## **Lesser Used E-Resources**

*Susan Marsh*

### **HENRY STEWART TALKS – BIOMEDICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES COLLECTION**

This is a collection of animated seminar style audio-visual presentations with synchronized narration by **world leading scientists**. The resource is organised into comprehensive series of talks and is regularly expanded and updated. It currently includes over 1000 presentations. New presentations are constantly becoming available. One may browse through the series or search for a talk covering a specific subject of interest.

The collection includes topics like:

- *Influenza Virus Pandemics: Past and Future* (51 mins) by Prof. Peter Palese - Department of Microbiology, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, USA
- *Non-clinical development of pharmaceuticals using engineered animal models* (56 mins) by Dr. Brad Bolon - GEMpath Inc., USA
- *Myiasis in humans and other animals, including applied applications in larval therapy & forensic entomology* (49 mins) Dr. Jamie Stevens - University of Exeter, UK
- *Overview of Arthropods & Their Impact on the Health of Humans & Other Vertebrates - Part 1 & 2* (49 mins) Prof. William S. Romoser - Ohio University, USA

Recently added presentations in the Vector-Borne diseases series include:

- *The emergence of Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases* (22 mins) by Prof. Durland Fish - Yale University Medical School, USA

The presentations also include printable slide hand-outs.

Although the collection mainly targets the medical field, relevant information for animal health practitioners is also included.

To access this collection, use the link for Henry Stewart Talks on the Veterinary Library's web page, under Veterinary Databases.

[http://0-hstalks.com.innopac.up.ac.za/main/index\\_category.php?id=252&](http://0-hstalks.com.innopac.up.ac.za/main/index_category.php?id=252&)

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## Library Services' Open Access event

*Tertia Coetsee*

An Open Access event was held to honour Open Access Week, on 27 October in the New Library auditorium, level 3, Merensky Library, Hatfield campus.

The programme included:

- The symbolic signing of the *Berlin Declaration on Open Access* in the Sciences and Humanities by Prof Stephanie Burton.
- A presentation by **Susan Veldsman**, director of the Academy of Science of South Africa's (ASSAf) Scholarly publishing unit in Pretoria, on **Scholarly journals: what are we going to do and how?**
  - Only 20% of the elite journals in the Web of Science contribute to 80% of research output that is of real value in the world
  - Of the 300+ SA journals that exist, only 67 journals are included in the Web of Science database
  - South African journals need to be made more visible and accessible in the international research environment and the freely available open access Scielo South Africa database is the ideal platform for this. The site gets approximately 24 000 visits per month from all over the world.
  - Publishing in open access journals has many advantages but one of the stumbling blocks for authors is often the author fees that need to be paid. ASSAF is of the opinion that the Institutions authors belong to should pay these fees and that it shouldn't be the responsibility of individual authors.
- A presentation by **Prof Pierre de Villiers** CEO of Open Journals Publishing (<http://www.openjournals.net/>), the leading Open Access journal publisher in South Africa on **Authorship in Scholarly Publishing**. Amongst other interesting information shared, he mentioned that there are no rules in terms of the number of authors for an article but emphasised that there should be clear policies within a Department, Faculty and the University which researchers can follow to create a culture of ethical authorship.

- The official **launching of three Open Access journals** edited by University of Pretoria editors namely
  - **Suid-Afrikaanse Tydskrif vir Natuurwetenskap en Tegnologie** edited by Prof Kobus Eloff,
  - **South African Journal of Economic and Management Sciences** edited by Prof Steve Koch and
  - **Journal of the South African Institution of Civil Engineering** edited by Prof Gerhard Heymann.
- The presentation of the **Sparky Award** to winner Josua Goodman from the Department of Information Science by Ms Tina van Heerden.
- The announcement of the Open Access competition winners, sponsored by the Department of Library Services and Bookmark.
- It was also announced that the library has decided to pay the open access publisher BioMedCentral's annual membership fees till 2012 which will then cover the author fees for articles published in BioMedCentral journals. A list of the journals published by BioMedCentral, will be added to the library website soon. Mr Robert Moropa, Director of the UPLS mentioned that ideally the University should establish a fund for author fees.



*Prof Kobus Eloff speaking during the Open Access Day 27 October 2011*

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## Problems with accessing E-Journals

Antoinette Lourens

Are you frustrated with all the *Proxy Error* messages when trying to access the University's collection of electronic journals?

### **Proxy Error**

The proxy server received an invalid response from an upstream server.  
The proxy server could not handle the request *GET /titles/searchresults/805*.

Reason: **Error reading from remote server**



We are as much frustrated but recently discovered that some of the problems can be solved with the installation of

- Mozilla Firefox (<http://www.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/new/>) or
- Google Chrome (<http://www.google.co.za/chrome?hl=en&brand=CHMI>).

The problem we experienced with Science Direct not displaying correctly is also solved with the use of one of these two Internet browsers.

## Exam Papers

**Exam** papers must be submitted to [exampapers@up.ac.za](mailto:exampapers@up.ac.za) after the students have completed them. These papers (no memorandums) are then made available online in the library catalogue.

<http://www.library.up.ac.za/lecturer/exampapers.htm>.

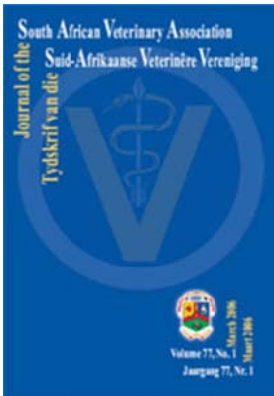
Please make sure that the following information is available on the Exam Paper Cover:

- Examiners' name(s)
- Course code, e.g. ZEN 600
- Name of **Department**
- Date of examination, e.g. June 2008

Lecturers/secretaries may however send exam papers, tests, sick-tests etc. and memorandums to the Jotello F Soga Library where it will be bound and made available for student use.

## Retrospective issues of JSAVA available as full text

Susan Marsh



Issues of the **Journal of the South African Veterinary Association** are now retrospectively available in full text from volume 1(1) 1927 – volume 67(4) 1996 through SABINET Gateway's **African Journal Archive**. The articles are freely available, worldwide. The digitisation process is not completed yet and some of the issues are still lacking. The collection can be browsed or searched for specific results with an advanced search option on the platform.

The African Journal Archive Project is a retrospective digitisation project of full-text journal articles from journals published in Africa. The project is funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

The JSAVA issues from vol 68 (1997 - ) are available through the library's **e-journals at UP list** on SABINET's subscription based SA ePublications platform.

## Onderstepoort Journal of Veterinary Research

Antoinette Lourens



At this stage it is well known that the **Onderstepoort Journal of Veterinary Research** has gone Open Access. The journal is available on the **AOSIS OpenJournals Publications** platform. This means that the articles are accessible for all to read, no subscription is needed.

Together with this change the Manuscript Guidelines also changed. These guidelines are available from <http://www.ojvr.org/index.php/ojvr> .

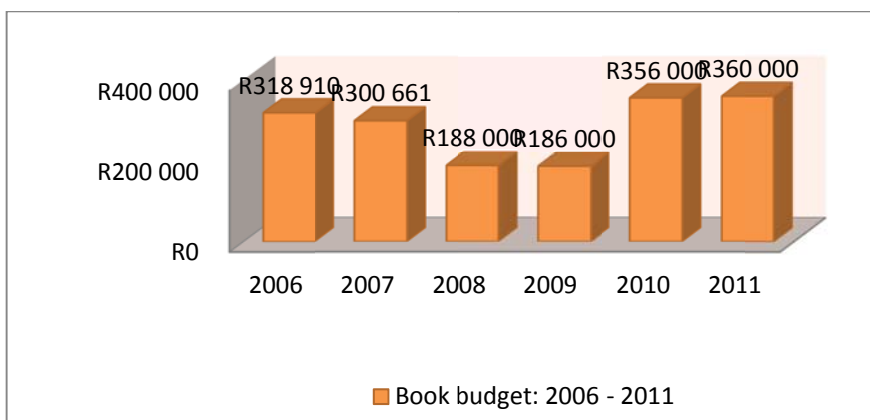
A very comprehensive document *The Harvard Reference Style Guide* is available from <http://openjournals.net/files/Ref/HARVARD2009%20Reference%20guide.pdf>

## Some interesting information regarding Acquisitions 2011

*Marguerite Nel*

“What do we, as a nation, care about books?  
How much do you think we spend altogether on our libraries,  
public or private, as compared with what we spend on our horses?”  
— Sesame and Lilies. Lect i, Of Kings' Treasuries  
John RUSKIN (1819-1900)

The Jotello F Soga Library received R 360 000 this year to purchase books and other information sources to support the information and research needs of its users. This amount excludes payment of journal subscriptions and electronic databases, but includes individual orders for electronic books. Figure 1 illustrates the funds received every year from 2006 to 2011 for the purchasing of information resources for the library.

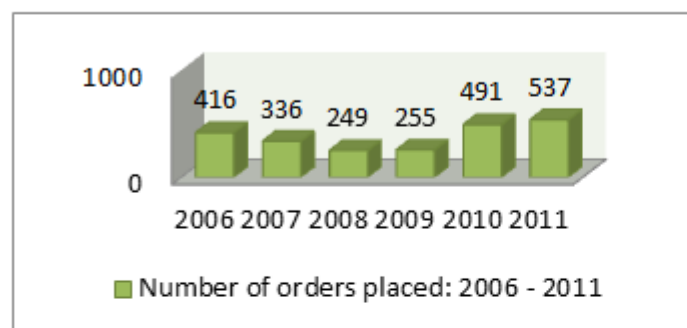


**Figure 1:** *Book budget received for the years 2006 - 2011*

With a larger budget, the acquisition librarians were able to purchase 537 items this year (Figure 2). It is also interesting to compare the average price per book for the different departments and units of the faculty, but even more interesting is how these numbers compare to last year's averages, as illustrated in Figure 3.

One needs to however keep in mind that several variables may impact on the average price per item, as illustrated in the above table, and this can only be viewed as a slight indication of events in the market. Factors, such as an abnormally higher (or lower) price of a single work; special publisher discount; exchange rates and different currencies may have a large impact on these averages.





**Figure 2:** Number of orders placed for information resources from 2006 – 2011

Department / unit	Average cost per book		% Increase	Orders placed
	2010	2011		
Anat. & Phys.	R 746.07	R 1 072.90	30%	24
Comp. Anim. Clin. Studies	R 610.72	R 820.49	26%	90
Veterinary Nursing	R 573.50	R 666.88	14%	9
Prod. Anim. Studies	R 680.16	R 760.10	11%	102
Paraclinical Sciences	R 699.23	R 1 098.70	37%	50
Vet. Trop. Diseases	R 1 129.14	R 959.09	-18%	21
Equine Research Centre	R 550.87	R 977.18	44%	12
UP Biomed Unit	R 984.87	R 845.42	-16%	9
Veterinary Wildlife Studies	R 870.59	R 336.78	-159%	119
General	R 541.53	R 523.40	-3%	53
Other				56

**Figure 3:** The average cost per book per department / unit

In a time where the focus is on digital and virtual collections, one easily tends to forget the important role librarians play in developing library collections. Whatever your preference of information resources, always remember the contribution of the library in supporting your information and research needs (wherever you may be):

*“The library connects us with the insight and knowledge, painfully extracted from Nature, of the greatest minds that ever were, with the best teachers, drawn from the entire planet and from all our history, to instruct us without tiring, and to inspire us to make our own contribution to the collective knowledge of the human species.*

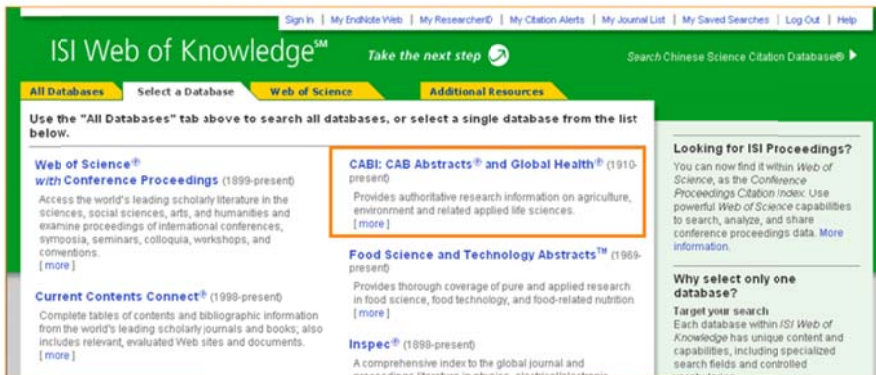
*I think the health of our civilization, the depth of our awareness about the underpinnings of our culture and our concern for the future can all be tested by how well we support our libraries.”*

— Cosmos, Carl SAGAN

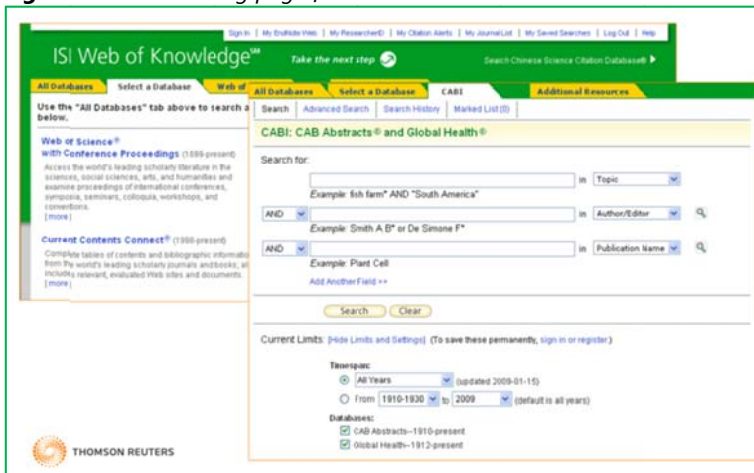
## CAB Direct is moving

Antoinette Lourens

CAB Abstracts will from the start of 2012 be available on the **ISI Web of Knowledge** platform. Although the look and feel will be different it is still the old CAB that you are used to.



**Fig. 1:** The new starting page for Cab Abstracts.



**Fig. 2:** The new Search page for CAB Abstracts

- To view additional recorded training visit the website:
  - <http://scientific.thomsonreuters.com/training/>
- Introduction to CAB Abstracts & Global Health
  - <http://www.brainshark.com/thomsonscientific/cabintro>
- Tips for CAB Abstracts;
  - <http://www.brainshark.com/thomsonscientific/cabsearch>

## The Soqa Library Visits the Onderstepoort Primary School

*Antoinette Lourens*



On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2011 it was time for our regular visit to the Onderstepoort Primary School across the road.

Susan Marsh, Maria Mtsweni, Johannes Moropotli and Marguerite Nel armed with wall charts, magazines, educational games, sweets, chips and microscopes left for the school.

The first thing when they arrived at the school was to hand out some sweets and chips to the excited children. There after the rest of the items were handed over to the personnel of the school.

The microscopes were a donation from the faculty's side and will fulfil a big need in the senior school phase. The magazines, wall charts and games will primarily be used in the foundation phase.



To show our appreciation for all their hard work and patience the personnel of the school also received something to enjoy with their tea after we left.

## 30<sup>th</sup> World Veterinary Congress, Cape Town, October 2011

Susan Marsh



When it became known that the closing ceremony of the commemorating events for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the veterinary medical profession in the world were to take place in Cape Town and that the Veterinary History Committee was requested by Dr Anthony Erasmus – Chairman of the WVC Steering Committee, to arrange a Veterinary History session, we thought the library could contribute to such a session. We therefore submitted a proposal to deliver a paper on “The role of the Jotello F. Soga library in the digital preservation of the history of veterinary science in South Africa” and it was accepted. Antoinette Lourens & Susan Marsh had the privilege to deliver the presentation and at the same time attend one

day of this prestigious event, while Amelia Breytenbach assisted with the preparation of the manuscript.

In our presentation we focused on the importance of making valuable and scarce historical veterinary information available on an open access platform such as an institutional repository to guarantee the preservation of the veterinary history of a country.

We enjoyed the other interesting presentations delivered by speakers in the Veterinary History Session thoroughly and are grateful to have been granted the opportunity to attend.

### Holiday Reading

To end our newsletter on a relaxing note we suggest the following books for the holidays !!

- *The Warhorse in the modern era* - Ann Hyland
- *Among African Apes* - Martha Robbins & Christophe Boesch
- *The Vet: my wild & wonderful friends* - Luke Gamble
- *Afrika: dispatches from the outside edge* - Kingsley Holgate
- *Africa: in the footsteps of the great explorers* – Kingsley Holgate
- *Natural methods for equine health and performance* – Mary Bromiley
- *How on earth? Answers to puzzles of our planet* – Terence McCarthy
- *Animal investigators* – Laurel A Neme



*May the Joy and Peace of the Festive Season be with you now and throughout the coming year*