

# InfoMania



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## FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR:

Welcome to the first edition of *Infomania* for 2020. We hope you'll find the newsletter informative.

Along came 2020 with its staggering changes to human behaviour and habits. I've read the following statement: "Being alive in **2020** is **special** because that is the only **year** you are likely to live through wherein the first two digits will match the second two digits." This Infomania concentrates on our adaptability to the Covid-19 Lockdown, being able to still deliver excellent service and contribute to the ongoing education of our students and personnel.

We share information about more Faculty Newsletters added to our LibGuides and the new release of Web of Science 2020 Citation Reports.

Lastly information on interesting facts about our ILL statistics, UP's new position in the QS World University Rankings and some snippets on Mandela Day 2020.

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)**

## UP's position in the latest QS World University rankings.

By Susan Marsh

The latest QS World University Rankings for 2021 was recently released.

Apart from the University of Johannesburg who climbed the ranks, all top SA Universities got lower rankings.

The University of Cape Town still remains at the top of the SA Universities, followed by WITS. UJ replaced Stellenbosch in the third position, Stellenbosch follows in the fourth and the University of Pretoria in the fifth position. UP has fallen from the range 551-560 to 561-570.

Rhodes and UKZN were still ranked in the range 801-1000, but the University of the Western Cape didn't reach the top 1000 universities of the world.

2021	2020	University
220	198	University of Cape Town
403	400	University of the Witwatersrand
439	501-510	University of Johannesburg
456	427	Stellenbosch University
561-570	551-560	University of Pretoria
801-1000	801-1000	Rhodes University
801-1000	801-1000	University of KwaZulu Natal
	801-1000	University of the Western Cape

<https://businesstech.co.za/news/lifestyle/406441/only-one-south-african-university-climbed-the-latest-global-ranking/>

## Be in the know with the Faculty newsletters By Amelia Breytenbach

The purpose of newsletters is to highlight and market the successes and activities in our Faculty. Through the years many of these newsletters were published in paper and electronic format. To preserve these newsletters in one central place the Library started to build a newsletter archive for the Faculty. The newsletters beautifully illustrated the history of the Faculty of Veterinary Science, our departments, staff and students. The collection shares the stories, news and information on many highlights in research and teaching.

The old paper issues were digitized and along with the recent electronic issues uploaded to a collection in UPSpace. To organize each newsletter according to year of publication and volume numbers the Library created an entrance page for ease of access. From the [homepage](#) click on the thumbnails to see the available issues of each newsletter and to access the full text.

The newsletters available are:

OP News (available issues 2001 - 2017)

Niloticus News (available issues 2020 March, April)

Community Engagement Newsletter (available issues 2010-2019)

The Meerkat (available issues 2017-2019)

New issues are uploaded as soon as the Library is notified. With this archive the Library offers a curated service to our users and also preserve valuable information for future generations.



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## New release of Web of Science 2020 Journal Citation Reports

By Tertia Coetsee

The 2020 edition of Clarivate Analytics has been released. Drawn from the Web of Science Core Collection™ the latest journal citation indicators and descriptive data can be seen. This include total papers, total citations, citing and cited journal data, cited and citing half-life data, an Immediacy Index and the Web of Science Journal Impact Factor.

Key highlights of 2020 are as follows:

- **The journals selected for inclusion:** This year's edition includes more than 12,000 journals from 83 countries across five continents and 236 research categories in the sciences and social sciences. More than 1,600 journals are fully open access. 351 journals have been added to the JCR this year - 178 of which are fully open access.
- **New descriptive data on open access models:** New data show each journal's articles by access model. This provides the research community with information about the relative contribution of articles published free to read and re-use under Creative Commons licenses. For hybrid journals, readers can now identify the number of papers published via the traditional subscription model, and those published via Creative Commons licenses.
- **Updated journal self-citation parameters:** To support the integrity of the reports, 33 journals has been suppressed from the JCR this year, representing 0.27% of the journals listed. Journals are excluded when there is evidence of excessive journal self-citation and abnormal citation behavior. An editorial expression of concern has also been issued to 15 other journals in this regard.

## Mandela Day project

By Mathuloe Moshidi

July 18 is an annual international day in honour of Nelson Mandela, celebrated each year on Mandela's birthday. The Community Engagement & Outreach Focus Group of the Department of Library Services decided this year, to collect "**Soup in a Jar**". Jars of pre-packed soup mix and other soup ingredients like split peas, barley, lentils, beans, pasta or dried soya were collected. **1 jar can feed 4 people**, giving them a **warm meal** of nutritious soup.

Staff could also make donations towards this very worthy project for the 2020 Mandela Day celebration. The soup jars will be distributed to poor communities in Mamelodi.



Total 'Soup in a Jar' collected by DLS



Jotello F Soga Library's contribution

## Journal Impact Factors and Cite Scores

By Susan Marsh

The latest Journal Impact Factors (Clarivate/Web of Science) and CiteScores (Scopus) have recently been released. These can be accessed through the databases “Journal Citation Reports” and “Scopus”.

### Journal Impact Factors

The top ten journals in the **Veterinary Science subject category** were ranked as follows according to the latest (2019) Impact Factor (Journal Citation Reports):

	Full Journal Title	Total Cites	Journal Impact Factor
1	LAB ANIMAL	729	9.600
2	Annual Review of Animal Biosciences	955	6.091
3	Animal Nutrition	1,214	4.492
4	Transboundary and Emerging Diseases	4,477	4.188
5	ANIMAL HEALTH RESEARCH REVIEWS	1,110	3.833
6	VETERINARY RESEARCH	5,418	3.357
7	VETERINARY MICROBIOLOGY	16,042	3.030
8	MEDICAL MYCOLOGY	4,984	2.822
9	EQUINE VETERINARY JOURNAL	7,200	2.477
10	VETERINARY RECORD	9,896	2.442

### Calculation of the Impact Factor

The 2019 impact factor of a journal is calculated by dividing the number of citations received in 2019 to the source items published in that journal during 2018 and 2017.

## Journal Cite Scores

The top ten journals in the “**Veterinary**” subject category were ranked as follows according to the latest Cite Scores in Scopus:

Source title	CiteScore	Publisher
Annual Review of Animal Biosciences	11.7	Annual Reviews Inc.
GeroScience	8.5	Springer Nature
Transboundary and Emerging Diseases	6.4	Wiley-Blackwell
Vaccine	5.5	Elsevier
Veterinary Research	5.4	Springer Nature
Animal Nutrition	4.8	KeAi Communications Co
Veterinary Quarterly	4.8	Taylor & Francis
Animal Frontiers	4.7	Oxford University Press
Veterinary Microbiology	4.7	Elsevier
Acta Tropica	4.6	Elsevier

### Calculation of Cite Score

CiteScore 2019 counts the citations received in 2016-2019 to articles, reviews, conference papers, book chapters and data papers published in 2016-2019, and divides this by the number of publications published in 2016-2019.

## Inter-Library Lending services during lockdown

By Maria Mtsweni

The Covid-19 Lockdown brought many challenges and one of them was working from home and not having access to our print collections. Though we are fortunate that most of our articles and book chapters are available online, we experienced the internet to be quite slow and our work became data intensive.

Various plans were made by our library’s Response Team to accommodate our users’ needs as far as possible. Permits were obtained for a selected group of staff to do essential scanning of print material. This way we could continue our service to not only our own users, but the library community as a whole. We also continued our service to practising veterinarians.

From Friday 19 June our libraries are now open two days a week. For interlending between libraries we only supply scanned articles and chapters of books. Due to postage constraints, we cannot request or supply complete books.

Our lockdown statistics, compared with statistics from January this year, show that though the lockdown undoubtedly had an impact on our services, there wasn't that much of a negative impact.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Items received from other libraries	203	389	311	233	220	188
Items supplied to other libraries	124	200	146	84	100	140
Items supplied to veterinarians in practice	94	203	93	149	107	119
Items supplied to UP students and staff from own collection	208	291	134	209	190	202

## [Access to the online content of Anipedia](#)

By Susan Marsh



Anipedia is a prestigious, quality online animal knowledge resource for veterinary, paraveterinary and allied animal and human health professionals. The content was made freely available to UP staff and students by Prof Koos Coetzer, one of the Directors of Anipedia.

It contains online information on infectious and parasitic diseases, plant poisonings and veterinary helminthology.

The content is accessible through the library catalogue. Visit the library website and search "anipedia" in the catalogue from where you will get a full text link. It is as easy as that. When accessing off campus, UP authentication will be required.

### **Anipedia**

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## PG online training

By Susan Marsh

The national lockdown forced us all to think differently about connecting to colleagues and clients. As working from home and not having physical contact with people became the norm, we had to think of alternative ways to connect. Google Meet, Zoom, Narrated powerpoints, FaceTime, Whatsapps became part of our normal day.

The Post-graduate workshops the library planned for 2020 could not go ahead and we had to decide about an alternative way of presenting this. A survey the library did among UP PG students, highlighted the topics they were mostly interested in as well as the mode of presenting the material.

Narrated ppts and powerpoint with added notes that could be accessed at their own leisure was preferred to the presentation of webinars at a prescribed time.

The result was that library staff prepared various online training products that will all be accumulated under an online training tab in the library's "Research Guide"



### How to use Google Meet, free

1. Go to [meet.google.com](https://meet.google.com) (or, open the app on iOS or Android, or start a meeting from Google Calendar).
2. Click Start new meeting, or enter your meeting code.
3. Choose the Google account you want to use.
4. Click Join meeting. You'll have the ability to add others to your meeting, too.



Library colleagues  
and "partners"  
Working from home  
During Covid-19 Lockdown

