



November 2023

FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR:

It is the end of another year and time for the last Infomania of 2023.

The Jotello F Soga Library attended and took part in various events and exhibitions during the year which include UP Birthday Celebrations, Postgraduate On-boarding Program, Choose UP day, UP-Topia (Giving Matters), Faculty Day of the Faculty of Veterinary Science, LIASA conference in Cape Town and the UX symposium in Pretoria.

This issue features a pleasant library visit and an unexpected donation. We give a glimpse on future planning and renovations planned for 2024.

Naledi Sekgobela was welcomed as the after-hours students in the Research Commons.

We hope you will enjoy this issue of *Infomania*, keeping you up-to-date on the latest happenings at the Jotello F Soga Library.

Tertia Coetsee (Editor)

Jotello F Soga Library planned renovations

By Tertia Coetsee

The faculty of Veterinary Science needs a modern flexible, study area for undergraduate students. This area will provide for private study cubicles, group facilities and a virtual reality room. Renovations of the 5th level of the library is planned for 2024.

In recent years the use of printed journals and books kept declining, with the emphasis on e-books, e-journals and open access, we realized that we have to rethink our collections. With this in mind the Jotello F Soga library started in 2022 with planning to move our print journal collection to a storing facility on Groenkloof in the Letlotlo Building. The collection should be available for scanning of articles as needed with electronic delivery to clients. We started by removing all duplicate journals in the University collection. The journals were relocated to compactus shelves in June.

The next step was to look at our book collections that was previously housed on the 5th level of the library. We removed all duplicates and kept at least one copy of each different edition. We also incorporated our Study collection, that was not used that much anymore, into the general collection, with the exception of a few prescribed books that will remain in the old reserved collection area.

All the books were then moved and the Study and Open book collections were integrated on the shelves on level 4 where we used to house the bound journal collection. Shelf-reading was done after the relocating of the books. The excess shelves on level 4 and 5 will be dismantled and removed in December. This was a major project well executed with the enormous input from our Technical Services Unit.



Newly moved book collection

Learning and Sharing: from Open Science to Statistics by Myleen Oosthuizen

One of the key areas of the University of Pretoria, is Teaching and Learning. There are so many ways and roles to address this concept and implement plans to ensure student success and excellent research output.

The Jotello F Soga Library liaises with the Onderstepoort Postgraduate Student Association (OP PGSA) and provides support according to their needs. The SPSS basic and the SPSS advanced training sessions resulted from discussions with our postgraduates. SPSS is one of the statistical programs used by our students to present their research data. These two sessions were hosted on Saturday mornings on the Onderstepoort campus in collaboration with the Hatfield Research Commons team who arranged Lehlogonolo Tabana as presenter for both the sessions which were attended by 29 postgraduates.

The University of Pretoria supports the Open Science movement and Open Access (OA) publishing. To publish open access, enabling other researchers to freely read your research, you have to pay an article processing cost (APC). Unfortunately, this brings “unwelcome guests to the table” who want to exploit and illegally gain from the process. Researchers need to be informed about predatory and fake publishers. Sanlic (South African National Library and Information Consortium) negotiates agreements with publishers in collaboration with many South African universities and institutions which allow for a more economic and safer route to publish research.

To share this and communicate awareness of our transformational agreements, a webinar, *Where to Publish – Open, Free & Aware of predatory pitfalls*, was presented to the Faculty of Veterinary Science, chaired by Myleen Oosthuizen with presenters Veliswa Tshetsha from the DLS Open Scholarship unit, and Liesl Stieger from the Groenkloof Educational Library.

Vet Alumni author donate two of her debut novels by Myleen Oosthuizen

Ilse van Staden, a veterinarian who qualified at Onderstepoort in 1995, is not only an Alumnus from the Veterinary Faculty, but also a published and award-winning writer. She donated two of her debut novels to the Jotello F Soga Library.

Her novel, titled ‘*Goeie dood wat saggies byt*’, tells the story of Hilda, a veterinarian with a passion to work with animals. Her career took its emotional toll with blood and death seeping into her being. Did she make the right choice? Should she not opt for sketching instead? What would her mother and grandfather think if she chose not to follow in their footsteps as a veterinarian? The internal turmoil in Hilda about responsibility and passion, reality and idealism, lead to a deep introspection about her career as a female veterinarian.

Ilse van Staden lives in Australia and is a veterinarian as was her father (Dr Hampie van Staden) and grandfather (Prof HPA de Boom), before her. Her nephew, Jacques van Staden, is a 3rd year student at the Faculty of Veterinary Science at the Onderstepoort campus.

Ilse van Staden's novel receives a number of book reviews of which one is published in the 'Word and Action' journal hosted on the Sabinet platform. This novel is uploaded to the book collection of the Jotello F Soga library.



3rd year BVSc student, Jacques van Staden, presents the novels of his aunt and veterinarian, Ilse van Staden, to Myleen Oosthuizen from the Jotello F Soga Library

Veterinarian donating her collection over a career lifespan

by Myleen Oosthuizen

At the Jotello F Soga Library we receive all sorts of phone calls. Retiring veterinarians who want to donate their books, are not a rare phenomenon.

One day in October, Neill Collins accompanied Adèle Faul, a retiring alumnus veterinarian, to the Onderstepoort campus to bring a boot full of books, photos and veterinarian clinical instruments to the library. We were amazed to see books dated back to 1905 and realized that this remarkable lady brought to us material that accompanied and assisted her during the decades of her career. We shared stories and showed them around the library, which was not there in her time as student. Adèle Faul was one of 3 female students to complete their BVSc studies at Onderstepoort in 1963.

She is the founder of *Veterinary Import-Export Authority* and was Deputy-Director of *Import-Export Control* with the Directorate of Animal Health from 1988 to 1996. *Veterinary Import-Export Authority* provides consulting services to the international animal import and export community.

While at the Onderstepoort campus, she took the time to visit the Old Faculty Building where she attended most lectures back in her days. What a lovely morning visit from a well-travelled and outstanding lady.



Alumnus veterinarian Adèle Faul, graduate from the class of 1963, visiting Jotello F Soga Library. From left to right: Tertia Coetsee, Myleen Oosthuizen and Adèle Faul.



Thanks so much for today the old res and the old faculty were memorable and you guys were fantastic

Walking down memory lane, Adèle Faul visiting the Old Faculty Building of the UP Faculty of Veterinary Science on the Onderstepoort campus.

LIASA Conference

By Maria Mtsweni



The LIASA Conference was held at the Lord Charles Hotel Summerset-West in Cape Town, 10–13 October 2023.

In 2021 LIASA emphasised that *Libraries Matter*, which in turn led us to *reimagine* and *repurpose* our libraries to demonstrate the resilience of libraries in 2022. Building on these themes, this year’s conference aimed to look at the future of libraries.

Having successfully run the **Libraries Telling Powerful Stories** campaign during South African Library Week, **Libraries - Writing the Next Chapter** attempted to answer the question, “What are the stories we will tell about libraries in the future

Many papers were presented, including presentations by young professionals. Our colleague, Maria Mtsweni, also chair of LIASA ILLIG, had the privilege of attending this successful conference.

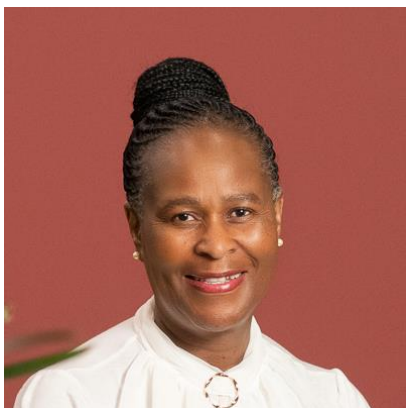


Interlibrary lending interest group (ILLIG)

ILLIG enables library and information workers to exchange ideas and views and also to raise the profile of inter-lending nationally and internationally.

Since last year, UP and other universities have started working on an automated cloud-based interlibrary loan system, called Tipasa. Automated request management happens when a request from the patron directly goes to the other library and the requested document is supplied to the patron without the interference of the ILL staff.

This ensures patrons get what they need quickly. Libraries configure the service to process requests for electronic and physical materials automatically; they don't have to touch every transaction but still retain control. Users need to check that they receive an email saying your request is supplied, accompanied by a URL address and a password to open the document.



Maria Mtsweni was the ILLIG Chair for 2021–2023.

New e-books in our collection

by Tertia Coetsee

Blackwell's Five-Minute Veterinary Practice Management Consult	Blackwell's Five-Minute Veterinary Practice Management Consult
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<https://UnivofPretoria.on.worldcat.org/oclc/1121441904>

Pathology and Epidemiology of Aquatic Animal Diseases for Practitioners

By (author) L Urdes

<https://UnivofPretoria.on.worldcat.org/oclc/1363104844>

Edited by Larry P Tilley, Edited by Department of Nuclear Medicine Francis W Smith

Blackwell's Five-Minute Veterinary Consult: Canine and Feline

<https://UnivofPretoria.on.worldcat.org/oclc/1243538029>

Companion Animal Behaviour Problems

Rachel Casey

<https://UnivofPretoria.on.worldcat.org/oclc/1289618733>

Anti-Discrimination and Social Justice week

by Mathuloe Moshidi

26-29 September 2023 was “Anti-Discrimination and Social Justice” week, according to the UP Calendar. The Department of Library Services transformation Committee had “Gender Based Violence” awareness at all the campuses. That week the library asked staff and students to write GBV messages on printed hands to display in the library, and from the feedback we received, it clearly shows that Gender-based violence (GBV) exists in our society. The University of Pretoria is committed to providing a non-sexist and non-discriminatory working, living and study environment for staff and students.

Visit the University of Pretoria’s Transformation Office for more information

<https://www.up.ac.za/transformation>

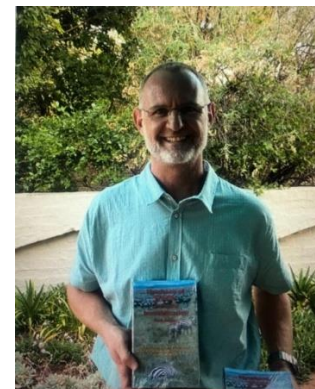


Book donation

By Tertia Coetsee

Prof Leith Meyer kindly donated a copy of the newly published “Handbook of Wildlife Chemical Immobilization” to the Jotello F Soga Library.

The Handbook covers legalities of drug possession and use; types of drugs used for animal capture; equipment used for animal capture; animal capture procedures and techniques; animal medical treatment; and human emergency medicine, supported by over 2,800 references.



Mandela Day Project 2023

The DLS Community outreach and engagement focus group invited library staff to contribute items in one of the following categories:

- Tinned food – baked beans, fish, bully beef
- Staple food – rice, maize meal, samp
- Toiletries – toothpaste, roll-on, body lotion, toilet paper, sanitary packs, bath soap
- Washing powder – hand wash

This year we focused on providing various items for 5 families in need, making life of these families easier this winter!



Jotello F Soga Library Gallery

UP Topia: make today matter by giving THE UP WAY



Welcoming a new staff member

By Tertia Coetsee

Naledi Sekgobela joined us in September, to take up her position of afterhours staff member at the Onderstepoort Research Commons. Naledi is a biochemist and MSc postgraduate with a strong background in laboratory techniques at the Dept of Veterinary Tropical Diseases.

We are looking forward to working with Naledi and wish her a pleasant stay with us.

UP Heritage Day



Rugby World Cup Friday



Our staff is available online for support

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



Myleen Oosthuizen
Faculty Library Manager



Tertia Coetsee
Information Specialist



Mathuloe Moshidi
Information Assistant



Maria Mtsweni
Interlending Specialist

