

OVAL Steering Group Meeting 3

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Present:

Nick Short, Barbora Stanikova, Gillian Brown, Robert Taylor, Chris Trace, Kim Whittlestone, Matt de Bono, Liz Mossop (called in)

Project Update

We have been working on flashcards and CABI datasheets. Two new Nottingham recruits, Jaimie Meagor and Stephanie Massey, started work recently. We now have OVAL project blog where we should mention dissemination. It would also be good to have a rolling update of the progress of the flashcards and datasheets.

Want to get a Wikipedia page on the OVAL project.

Updates on Staffing

Have employed 2 graduates from Nottingham after advertising. Candidates sent CV, covering letter and a completed task to aid the selection. Gemma Gaitskell and Barbora Stanikova selected the candidates taking into account quality and appropriate adaptation of their CV and cover letter and the task was assessed on layout, length (suitable for undergraduates), relevance of information, WikiVet style and use of own words. They both independently selected Jaimie Meagor and Stephanie Massey. Both of these candidates have accepted the job and had a training day last week, Steph started last week and Jaimie started this week.

Gemma is spending time uploading images for Manson questions.

Workshops

Chris has been to a Digital Impact workshop, different ways of assessing impact a website has, TIDSR website (<http://microsites.oii.ox.ac.uk/tidsr/>) has links to various software, case studies and answers many questions. We could possibly implement some of these on OVAL resources.

Chris and Barbora attended a 'crowd sourcing for public engagement' workshop in Oxford, which was not necessarily that relevant to the OVAL project but nevertheless proved interesting and pointed out or confirmed some useful ideas. Some projects had 'leader boards' to show how many contributions people have made, way of increasing participation? The importance of audio only resources has also been stressed, something we thought of for the OVAL project too.

Matt described Manson's relationship with 'Ebrary' - get some analytics about who uses books but not enough detail. They would be interested in knowing who accesses Manson resources in WV.

Consortium

The Consortium agreement has largely been approved. The latest version will be sent to Nottingham to check with their legal department first. They will then sign five copies (if approved) and then forward these to the RVC for signing and then Mansons and CABI so each will have a copy signed by all the parties in the end.

Manson Flashcards

Category containing all the questions subdivided into books, listing sample questions is in use. Links to the books are provided. Four books are completed now, one almost and more are coming soon. There were few file format issues with images but hopefully all is sorted now. It takes about half a day to go through a book and select questions. From appropriate questions actual ones are selected and picked out of pdf files. Questions and pictures, compressed to 500px wide for screen resolution, are then uploaded onto WikiVet using a flashcard extension. The image of the book will be linked directly to the book site too.

May be we could translate some into Spanish? Manson may already have some books in Spanish, Matt to find out. JISC would have to be consulted first before we would go ahead with this.

Sustainability, to include OVAL within WV more permanently.

Possibly include Podcasts for some of the text books and publish for iTunes WikiVet channel.

Matt to get in touch with their editor with respect to the reviewing of the questions and podcasts.

Some questions do not have articles to link to the text pages in WV, possibly to concentrate on these topics for content authoring?

May be alter the extension to avoid black links in questions if it is possible.

CABI datasheets

Robert and Barbora have selected some sheets now, two Nottingham graduates, Stephanie Massey and Jaimie Meagor started working on them. There are currently 22 pages that are ready for review and more are almost there. Robert would like a link to the CABI datasheet, perhaps have it in the 'Learning resources' box. Barbora will look at implementing this in the template.

Nick met with the OIE when in Lyons, suggested trying to use their content to help with adapting CABI datasheets for WikiVet. AAVMC might also be interested,

BS suggested focusing on the food-borne pathogens so can build the VPH section. Have done 36 pages out of 46 datasheets so far. Some pages are compiled from more than one datasheet, for example a short virus datasheet is combined with the longer disease it causes datasheet. Robert will send another list of datasheets including bacterial diseases of pigs and then with a focus on food-borne diseases. He is going to send them quickly as BS needs more datasheets to work on.

Podcasts of CABI pages has been suggested and approved as a good idea

Linking to Wikipedia - want to put a teaser paragraph on Wikipedia, then link to 'more content' on an open WV page. This will be discussed with the new recruits on Wednesday as will be the podcasts and setting up a focus group in Nottingham to assess the usability of the current resources produced.

Translation of the pages into Spanish may be done ultimately too.

OOER

Nick, Barbora and Gillian have been discussing the use of the OOER toolkit for OVAL content and producing the veterinary version of the toolkit. MEDEV was hoping it would be simple to change to reflect 'owner' consent instead of patient consent. The aim is to have a 'vet' option in the toolkit. Not sure if there's a vet-specific example out there already, most likely not as it would have been used previously.

Gillian to send the latest version of the toolkit in the word document format to Barbora.

Reviewers

Securing the reviewers has proved to be a problem. After initial enthusiasm, they tend to be too busy with other commitments. Possibly to look at sourcing reviewers from the authors of Manson books and CABI datasheets?

AOB

Focus group for CABI sheets and Manson Flashcards to be set up soon, most likely with the current Nottingham graduates.