OVAL Steering Group Meeting 4

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Present:

Nick Short, Barbora Stanikova, Chris Trace, Kim Whittlestone (RVC) Robert Taylor (CABI) Matt de Bono (Manson Publishing) Liz Mossop (Nottingham) Gillian Brown (MEDEV)

Current state of WikiVet

Nick started the meeting with a summary of current state of WikiVet and plans to market WikiVet to other UK and international schools. He also mentioned that the RVC's Ocular Reflexes Model won a Jorum prize.

He briefly talked about potential collaboration with Elsevier and how their content can be linked to WikiVet content and the interest in potential to bring online CPD and online learning content into WikiVet Pro (future commercial branch of WikiVet).

Showcase of work done under OVAL project

Manson Q&A Books

Barbora demonstrated some of the Manson Q&A's published on WikiVet. Many of them are ready but some of them still need images. Pages that the Q&A's are linking to are also being written, some have already existed on WikiVet but some were blank. All the selected questions, however, have now been converted into WikiVet pages.

Matt is interested to see comments from reviewers with respect to the questions selected for WikiVet, however, only two sections of those have been reviewed thus far, Cattle Medicine and Equine Orthopaedics and Rheumatology. He is also interested in the plans for future comments option for users and would like access to the feedback given.

Cattle flashcard where Nick Lyons has commented on a few questions has been shown. This allows for reviewers to be able to express their view without discounting other people's view. It stresses out the point that there may be more than one correct answer possible, approaches vary from country to country and that rules change with time (particularly with respect to licensing of medicines).

CABI Datasheets

All the 100 English WikiVet pages written from the CABI datasheets have now been completed. Each page also has an associated set of flashcards for revision of the page content. They are currently going through the review process, 30 have been returned and updated on WikiVet, 10 have been returned but still need updating on WikiVet and we are waiting for the rest. The reviewers have been selected by CABI and RVC. Interestingly, the most prolific reviewers have been non-vets, however, this may be due to the unfortunate timing of events, the review process falling into the summer holiday period.

Review Process

Reviewers have been sent emails thanking them for their contribution, showing them the article on WikiVet and asking them how they'd like to be recognised (link to their personal page etc.). They then send an invoice to us with the number of pages reviewed and receive £30 for each page or £100 per 20-25 questions from Q&A book reviewed.

Once a page is reviewed and any necessary changes made, recognition template is inserted and the page is made available to the public. The page is then advertised on the front page of WikiVet, via Twitter and Facebook. As a rough indication of the impact, number of page views is recorded prior to the page being publicly viewable and advertised. Maximum of two pages a day are made public to allow for steady trickle of new content.

Liz and Gillian suggested using hash tags, #veted and #ukoer for our tweets. #ukoer seems to be used a lot and it will be useful to get into that stream.

Translation

Pages that have been reviewed are being translated into Spanish and French. The Spanish versions are made available via the Spanish WikiVet site. French versions are stored as Word documents for the time being.

Podcasts

Reviewed pages are also being recorded into podcast in English, French and Spanish. Each podcast is around 3-5 minutes long. These podcasts have been uploaded into iTunes. We had a short debate about how good podcasts are as audio versions, they may read well but not be good to listen to.

Wikipedia

WikiVet articles written from the CABI datasheets that have been made available to the public have been used as a source of information to update/create the relevant pages on Wikipedia. A publically relevant and readable version of WikiVet page has been created and a link to WikiVet article provided within the reference section. Currently approximately 50 pages out of the 100 CABI pages have been adapted. Siobhan had contact from Wikipedia about one page that was marked for "speedy deletion". This was probably due to the text being too similar to the WikiVet page. Wikipedia are unable to accept such content, despite it being licensed for non-commercial/no derivatives reuse as they cannot guarantee users would follow such advice. Since then, effort has been made to make sure content was different and we had no other problems.

Before this incident, Steph had been contacted when there were external links to WikiVet within the text in Wikipedia. Since then, we've put links to WikiVet as 'external links' or 'references' and there has not been a problem.

Discussion was held about whether we should put a link to Wikipedia on the WikiVet pages but the general agreement was that we won't do this as we may redirect traffic and also not many academics will want to endorse those links.

Skype Calls from Staff

Gemma Gaitskell-Phillips joined via Skype and explained what she has been doing with Manson flashcards and also the Spanish site. Apart from helping with uploading the questions she has also been translating the WikiVet pages created from CABI datasheets into Spanish and recording Spanish podcast versions of them.

Skype call to Helen Dirrig to get an update from her regarding her work for the OVAL project. She has been contacting the RVC expert reviewers for the CABI pages. When the reviewed documents are received, she has been updating the WikiVet pages and their respective flashcards. Few changes are needed in general. Helen has also been translating reviewed articles into French, recording English and French podcasts and helping with the text pages required to link to from Manson questions.

Siobhan Brade explained what she has been doing for OVAL. Apart from helping to write content pages relating to the Manson books, she has spent a lot of time working on the links from Wikipedia. Siobhan has taken an image of what one Wikipedia page looked like before and after she's worked on the page and this has been shown.

Consortium agreement

The document is currently with Nottingham legal department. Nick is going to contact them to try to speed up the process.

OOER toolkit

The medical version of the toolkit is being adapted for veterinary use. In many instances only a change of phrase is needed for adaptation, however, the use of images and other recordings for educational purposes is not so clear. GMC provide a suitable guidance document for the medical community but there is no equivalent for the veterinary community available. This issue probably needs to be referred to Freda Andrews at the RCVS. We will send recommendation as OVAL/WikiVet group.

Dissemination

Nottingham Focus Group

The outcomes of the Nottingham student focus group in July have been mentioned again. This has already been discussed in a previous blog.

It has been agreed that we need to organise more focus groups. Ideally, we would like to do one with preclinical students at RVC and Nottingham. Ian Robbe has offered to help out and we have a meeting with him at the end of October anyway. Chris is going to contact 3rd years. Robert and Matt will contribute some questions to the focus group sessions.

To increase awareness of WikiVet and the OVAL project it has been suggested to provide give-away stuff with WikiVet logo for 1st year students. This could include pens, post-its, little sticky book labels or a memory stick with preloaded tutorial.

We had a quick discussion about the TIDSR toolkit which enables measurement of impact of resources.

Final Workshop

We will be organising a final workshop once all the resources produced during OVAL project are published on WikiVet. It was discussed that perhaps choosing a day closer to Christmas may be useful as more people will be available and it may be nice to organise a small social event after.

Publication of an article within Vet Record has also been briefly discussed.