



WikiVet Newsletter

Dear reader,

This is the ninth edition of the WikiVet newsletter. In this edition we find out about the recent run of good luck that WikiVet and its partners have had in securing funding on a few projects. We also look at an exciting new way to navigate through our content to get to the things you need, and look at where our new users are coming from.

We're also still looking to recruit students at vet schools around the world to help us spread the word of WikiVet; in the next edition we'll catch up with some of our newest WikiVet student ambassadors and see what they've been up to.

So, what's new on WikiVet?



[First tailored school interface for Courses](#)

A new navigation layer has been developed over the summer that has enabled students at the RVC to rapidly find relevant WikiVet articles and resources, depending on which week in the course they're in. [Read more](#) about this process, or [have a look](#) at the courses. [Let us know](#) if you'd like to map your curriculum into WikiVet.



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[Joint WikiVet project on Online Publishing](#)

WikiVet is a partner in a new project funded by JISC entitled "Investigating new business models for including published works in OER (PublishOER)". The project is led by Newcastle University and includes the RVC and Nottingham veterinary schools. It provides exciting new opportunities for WikiVet as it will involve working with leading science publishers, including Elsevier, to explore new models for publishing veterinary content. [Find out more](#) about PublishOER.

[Online Veterinary Anatomy Museum](#)

We have just heard that another major new WikiVet based project has received over £130,000 of JISC funding. The [Online Veterinary Anatomy Museum](#) (OVAM) involves all the UK and Irish veterinary schools as well as partners overseas and commercial publishers.



The aim is to develop a comprehensive and educationally focused online anatomy museum by pooling resources from all the project partners. This is one of the first times that so many vetschools have signed up to a joint bid and represents the potential of WikiVet to foster collaboration.

We will be hosting an opening ceremony for the OVAM project at the Royal Veterinary College's Hawkshead Campus in Hertfordshire, UK on the 9th December. Partners of the project will be meeting, but other interested parties are welcome to attend. Please [email the WikiVet team](#) if you're interested in attending, space is limited.



[WikiVet launches a French site](#)

The [French WikiVet](#) site has just been launched! It is currently a very simplified version of the English site and consists of around 50 expert-reviewed pages about worldwide diseases which were adapted from [CABI](#) datasheets and translated as part of the [OVAL project](#)

If you feel that you could help expand the French site please do [contact us](#), as it is still a work in progress

Who's involved in WikiVet

Alistair Spark: WikiVet Courses Designer



Alistair graduated this summer from the BioVeterinary Sciences course at the Royal Veterinary College, London, UK. He joined the WikiVet team this summer to develop a week by week navigation interface for first year students matching the content of each weeks lectures and learning objectives with the most relevant content and learning resources available on WikiVet - AKA [WikiVet Courses](#).

The potential to create a simplified access to the WikiVet content, which would attract students to use WikiVet resources on a more regular basis has been an exiting project for him. We're really proud of what he's achieved and hope you find it useful. You can read more about WikiVet Courses [here](#), or find out more about other members of the [WikiVet team](#).

Users on WikiVet

WikiVet registrations are still increasing rapidly, we now have over 13,250 registered users. We thought we'd tell you a bit more this month about where some of these latest registrations are coming from...



In October of this year WikiVet had a total of 768 new users registered. 574 of these were vet students, of which about 50% were in their first year of study. We had 140 graduated vets join us also, as well as nurses, student nurses and academics.

353 of our users came from the UK, with the next highest intake from Canada at 48, then Australia at 39. We had more from Poland than ever before with 23, and it seems our first Student Ambassadors are doing a good job as we've seen increases from their schools also.

If you'd like to create a page for your vet school and have it featured on our [Vet Schools map](#), why not [contact us](#), we can help you set it up. We'll then link your page to the map so others can see where you are.

How you can get involved

Pop-Quiz: [What's your diagnosis?](#)



This image shows the hind leg of a pony with moderate lameness of sudden onset after a fall. What is your diagnosis?

This case has been provided by [Manson Publishing](#) as part of the [OVAL project](#) and is taken from the Equine Orthopaedics and Rheumatology [questions](#).

WikiVet needs you!



Recently WikiVet has been recruiting student ambassadors whose job will be to help promote WikiVet within their school and raise awareness of the site. They will be involved in speaking to other students at their school and recruiting an academic member of staff to represent their school.

So far we have had applications from all over the world, but there are still plenty of schools who need representing. If you would like to get involved then please have a look at the [student ambassador's](#) page and get in touch.



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The WikiVet team are always keen to hear from you, and really want to know what you think of WikiVet. We want you to keep up to date with developments and have plenty of opportunities to get involved in discussions about WikiVet content, to find out more about how WikiVet works and to help shape the WikiVet of the future. Why not 'like' our [Facebook page](#), [register](#) for NOVICE or follow us on [Twitter](#)!
