

OVAL Project Steering Group Meeting Minutes

15th April 2011

Present: Nick Short, Barbora Stanikova, Chris Trace, Matt De Bono, Alastair Dunning, Robert Taylor
On Skype: Liz Mossop, Zoe Belshaw, Gillian Brown

Introductions

Update:

Made some progress, need to scale up and keep momentum. Resourcing project staff: Chris working with Manson Publishing on flashcards, Gemma Gaitskell-Phillips helping out; Barbora concentrating on collaboration with CABI and incorporating datasheets, Katy Thompson helping out with these.

Chris: choosing questions to fit with WV, Gemma started to help out to integrate them into WV, cattle and sheep are up, dermatology in the process, equine coming soon. CT to document the whole process, how selecting goes on.

Flashcards from 20 books on varied content about 20 questions from each book, broadest range of questions from each book but wouldn't want the question that gives away the answer, relevant image, linking to relevant articles. MDB would like more explicitly explained that there are books in print containing more questions. AD the wording could be more clear as to 'this questions comes from this book, rather than just provided by...'

Can link directly to an option to buy ebook, could be arranged with discount for WV members.

Press release is going to Vet Record and Vet Times, is on the RVC website and intranet. Nottingham may be able to publish it on their website. CABI could too, Manson website is just a product website but could possibly provide a link. BS to send a link to MDB. In MEDEV newsfeed now too and on Gillian's personal page.

Nottingham may be able to find some students to help with staffing, BS to send information to LM.

Manson have translated some books but probably not many.

May be create flashcards relevant to first years etc, may need to be a book too. May be good idea for people to create their own books.

Different delivery mechanisms, eBook readers, mobiles, paper, iPhone apps etc. (few veterinary around now) .

Nottingham - most students have smart phones, lot take photos with them but unsure what internet package with it. RVC probably more now too. Wifi access on site will make it easier.

Pod books - RVC, always online, immediate access to things people use, tablet will be bought for all new first years (Nottingham have been getting them already but they have to give them back at the end, they don't give any handouts as all is on the vle, they can access internet etc.

iPads

Opportunity to put resources onto a mobile phone in African countries.

Malcolm Ragget- SOAS

Nottingham workshop may be a good opportunity to advertise the OVAL project. BS to email LM details

Nick and Prisca attending Vet 2011 conference in Lyon in May

First African College International conference RT to send BS the link

Gillian would be wary of advertising

Integration of flashcards into teaching, Nottingham provides learning resources 'list', hopefully will encourage lecturers after the Nottingham workshop.

Pedagogically virtual patient (VP) style may be more valuable. Flashcards are used a lot for revision and have been appreciated by students. VPs more as tutorial, flashcards and quizzes more as self-assessment

Focus group in the summer for students, how they use WV, what they would like, how valuable are these resources .

Improve electronic delivery, is the platform currently easy to do that?

CABI:

Original proposal: 100 datasheets to be adapted for WV

Selected 8 data sheets so far from CABI database, selection was geared towards 'what is not on WikiVet', is the content appropriate etc. Katy has rewritten into WV style, put into WV pages.

Decided that may not be the most efficient way of creating pages.

BS demonstrated pages in Category:CABI expert review., showed pages that has been adapted from CABI powerpages.

Images - there were some nice images on CABI datasheets, waiting to contact authors so can get permission to use them in WikiVet. Original authors hold the permission so have to track them down. ZB asked if can use images from other sources and incorporate them into pages?

Some images may be worth contacting the image author as they look useful, AD thinks it may be difficult contacting the authors, have good process in place first as it may be time consuming.

Creative Commons licensing to be properly agreed first.

Few concerns about the most effective use of the resources, quite a lot of duplication between WV and CABI datasheets, often the rewriting can be quite time-consuming, the way the factsheets fit

within WV

Perhaps take 100 top conditions/problems/diseases for profession, look at WHO, OIE, etc and try to create a page that is a WV standard format for each disease. Would be in WV structure, translated in different languages. AD put in touch with someone from Wikipedia, can raise profile of WV page. Could take a subset of CABI abstracts and link to these datasheets, i.e. here are a few links, more can be accessed by subscribing...

Can raise Google profile by linking with RVC site.

RT concerned about creating content that is not behind any kind of a wall.

AD What is the value derived from this being open? More people accessing the sites.

GB concerned about general public editing but we can restrict editing to registered users only but could be open to anyone to view.

100 top diseases - all aspect including human medicine/zoonosis/public health or are they just going to be veterinary? Is there much point opening them if just veterinary? MDB: Changing language style for public should be avoided as it would change what WV is about.

Datasheet is comprehensive, if you want to follow the links into WV you have to login/register, if you want to follow CABI links you have to subscribe.

Is updating of the sheets going to happen with the community being built now? It is common for useful resources not being updated.

Keep a page 'frozen' with comments added or totally editable? Currently source is mentioned but could be edited. If static, can retain authority but becomes outdated so may lose authority.

May be use the OVAL project as an 'experiment', try and see what works.

Wikipedia pages in client friendly language with accurate veterinary information. Should WV explore this concept with WP, perhaps WV takes responsibility for some pages on WP, these pages (on WV) would be made public, and pages on WP link to WV? Possibly a lot of the language would be acceptable for general use.

Possibly test some pages on WP now. Would we have to find pages on WP that don't exist yet (e.g. Interdigital Dermatitis). Create a pilot study with few pages? Concentrate on the veterinary profession for now?

Few examples, links to be emailed to people. BS and NS to keep dialog going with RT.

Some WV content may be taken and reused but traffic will go back to WV. Mark an image before publishing on WV? What wording would we use - creative commons, original source etc...

OOER toolkit - has a lot of information on licenses and using images elsewhere, may be worth reviewing the MEDEV toolkit. Features current and up-to-date information.

Web2rights - can download a starter pack from them

IP agreement usually included in any consortium agreements, there may be some templates in the MEDEV toolkits. The current version includes info that any deliverables from the OVAL project will be made available under the WikiVet default license.

Project Plan to be looked at by all next week to be sent to JISC before Easter.

Blackwells and Elsevier have mentioned an interest in putting content onto WV

Zoe involved with BookPower.org, books into developing world. Mansons have worked with them in the past, something for the moment, there is a growing move towards computer-based/mobile learning.

Review Panel: LM, NS and BS to talk about setting this up

Evaluation of the project in the long term:

Manson: improved sales, how that would be embedded within the project. CABI and Manson to look at (contribute to the project plan in that area).

BS to set up another Doodle document regarding the next steering group meeting

CT to talk to MDB and steering group about form of words for watermarking images, can then batch update all the images. Also to look at ways of displaying links to Manson books, also needs to be run past WikiVet steering group