

Going for gold, achieving 'platinum' – opportunities for libraries towards opening access to information

A perspective from Stellenbosch University

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Africa – a continent in distress...

Video clip: "We kill the world" - BoneyM

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Prof Arnold van Zyl, Vice-Rector Research at Stellenbosch University:

"SU to leave a scientific footprint on the African continent"



Restricted Access to Research







"Unrestricted online access to articles published in scholarly journals"

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open_access_(publishing)

"Open-access (OA) literature is digital, online, free of charge, and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions"

Source: http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/overview.htm



3 Routes to Open Access

- Institutional repositories
- Output by SU researchers e.g. articles, theses, dissertations, etc.
- DSpace
- http://scholar.sun.ac.za

- Open Access Journals
- Encourage researchers to publish in OA journals listed with DOAJ
- Institutional Open Access Fund
- http://www.doaj.org.za

Green Route

SUNScholar

Golden Route

DOAJ



(BMC) and Public Library of [...]

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Stellenbosch University funds open access

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Earlier this year Stellenbosch University Library and Information Service created an Open Access Fund to support Stellenbosch University researchers publishing in open access journals. The Open Access Fund Subsidising author fees for publishing in entails: open access journals. - Institutional memberships with Open Access publishers such as BioMed Central

http://blogs.sun.ac.za/news/2011/09/20/stellenbosch-university-funds-open-access/



'Platinum' Route to Open Access

- Higher Education Institutions hosting/publishing OA journals
- journals.ac.za domain name official academic, peer-reviewed, online version
- Journals affiliated with the Stellenbosch University and more
- Volumes & issues published online
- PKP OJS
- http://www.journals.ac.za

Platinum Route

journals.ac.za

"Scholars need the means to launch a new generation of journals committed to open access, and to help existing journals that elect to make the transition to open access..."

Budapest Open Access Initiative, 2002



Open Access Journal

"Open access journals are scholarly journals that are available online to the reader "without financial, legal, or technical barriers other than those inseparable from gaining access to the internet itself."

Source: http://www.soros.org/openaccess/read.shtml



Benefits of Open Access Journals

- Research results freely available
- Increased visibility & distribution
- Improved access fewer restrictions
- Paper copies can be digitised broaden readership
 & citations
- Fewer publication delays 'claim your fame' publish article when ready
- More secure stewardship and archiving
- Open for scrutiny by all
- Plagiarism easier detected



International Arena

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Libraries as Publishers of Open Access Journals

- Harvard University
- Simon Fraser University
- Lund University
- OJS @ Queen's University
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Guelph
- University of Alberta Libraries
- York University Libraries
- University of North Carolina
- University of British Columbia



Some Typical Services by Libraries

- Online collection building
- Facilitate access to information
- Knowledge management
- Assigning indexing terms (metadata)
- Register with harvesters, search engines, directories
- Digital preservation
- Content archiving
- Data curation
- Cloud hosting

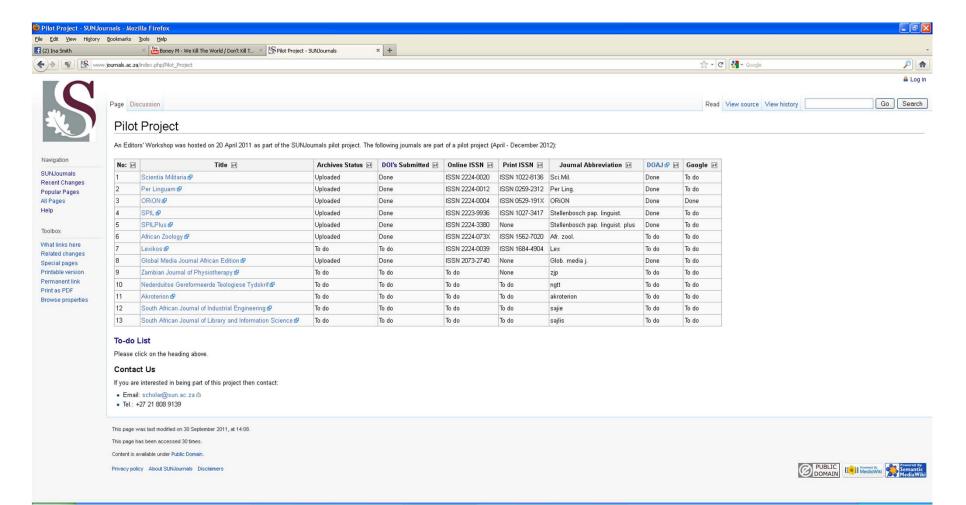


SU Pilot Project

14 journals (9 DoE accredited)

- Publishing platform: OJS
- Journal audit SU Journals
- Workshop for editors (April 2011)
- From Sandbox to Production
- Draft Memorandum of Understanding
- journals.ac.za, DOI's, EISSN
- Metadata harvested by SUNScholar
- Visit www.journals.ac.za









Some Benefits of OJS

- Roles: Journal Manager, Editor, Reviewer, Proofreader, Copyright Editor, Layout Editor, Author, Reader
- Journal Managers/Editors configure requirements, sections, review process, etc.
- Online submission and management of all content (E-workflow)
- Subscription module with delayed open access options
- Comprehensive indexing of content part of global system
- ▶ E-mail notification and commenting ability for readers



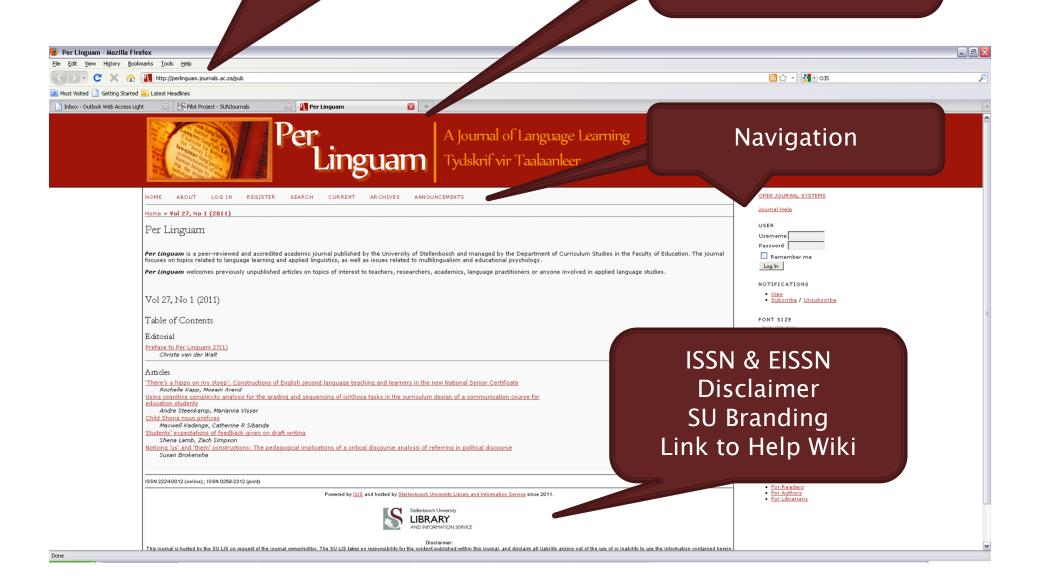
Preparing for hosting a journal

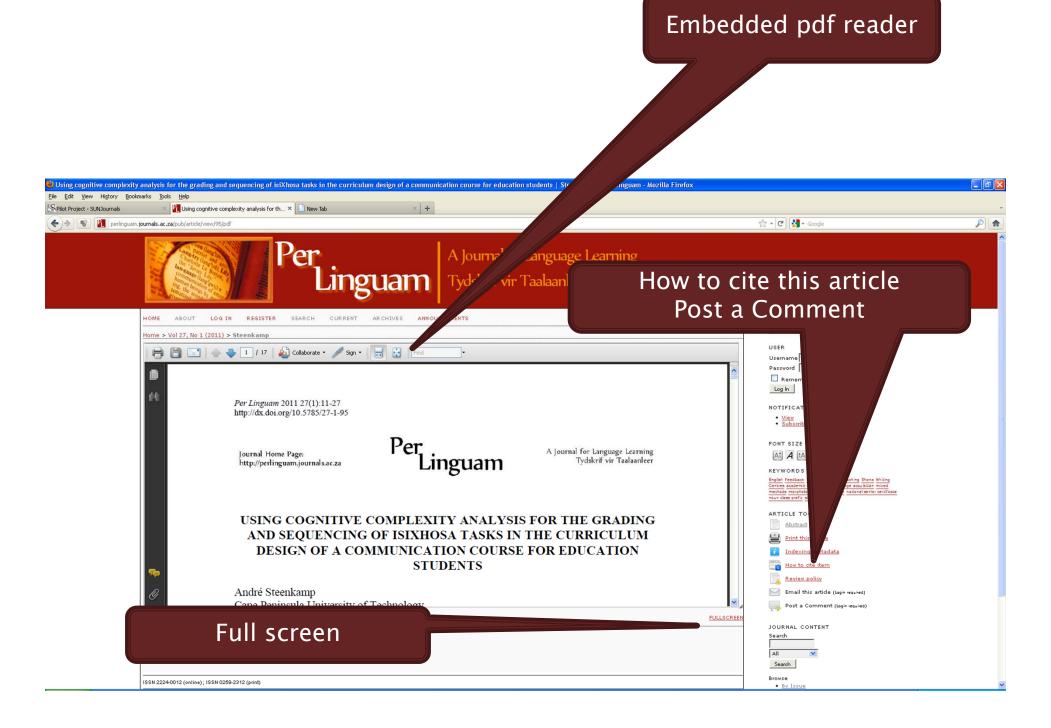
- Separate virtual server 10 GB server space
- Most recent OJS version
- journals.ac.za URL for each journal
- Unique DOI prefix for each journal
- Unique Online ISSN for each journal
- Setup journal in collaboration with Editor/Journal Manager
- SU branding and disclaimer
- Back-up's and preservation on LOCKSS
- Start publishing!



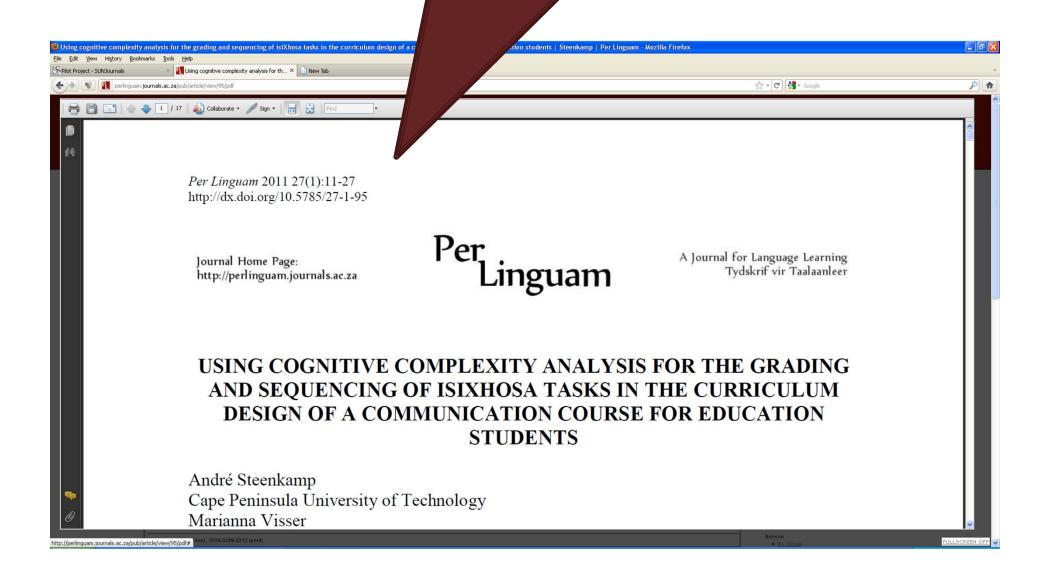
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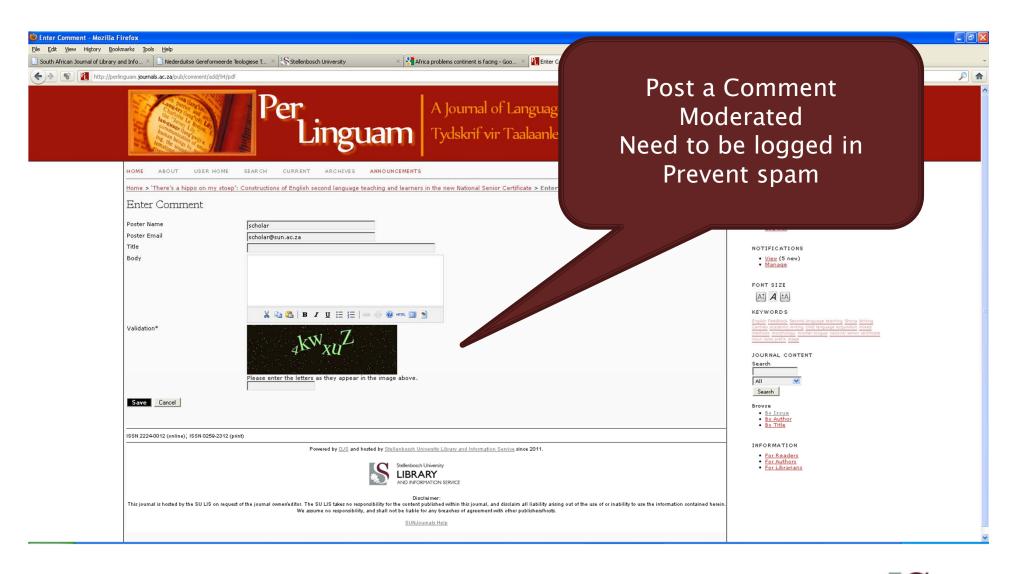
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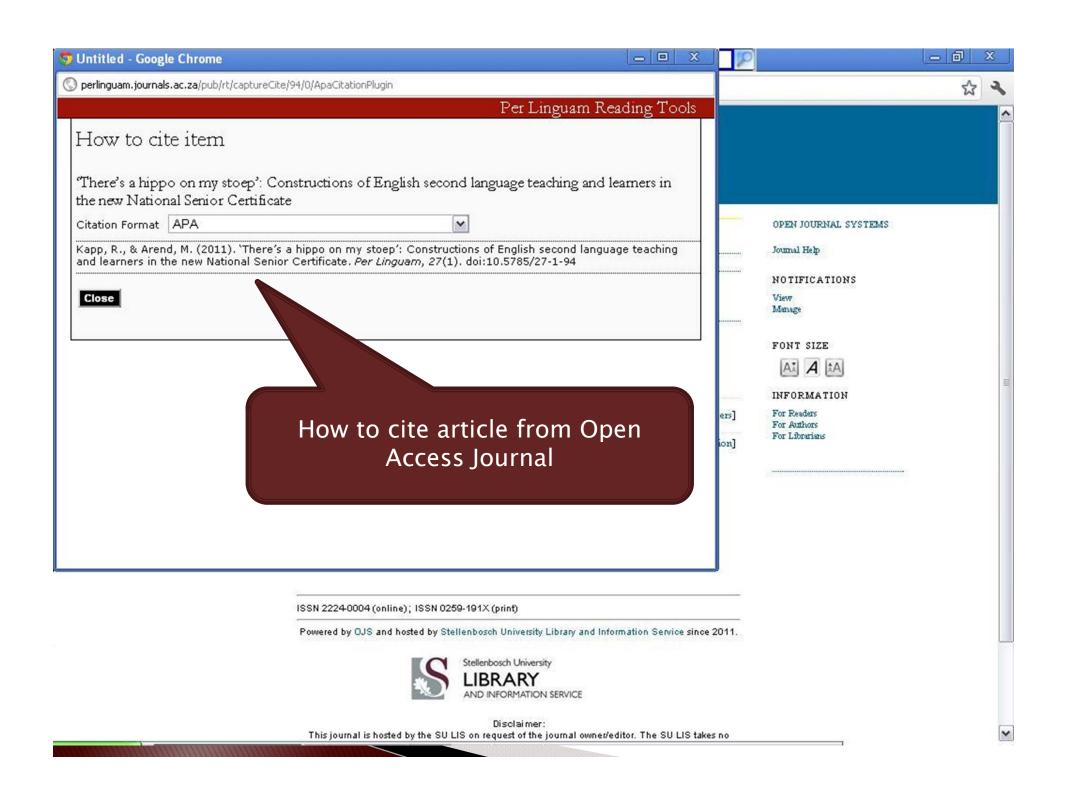


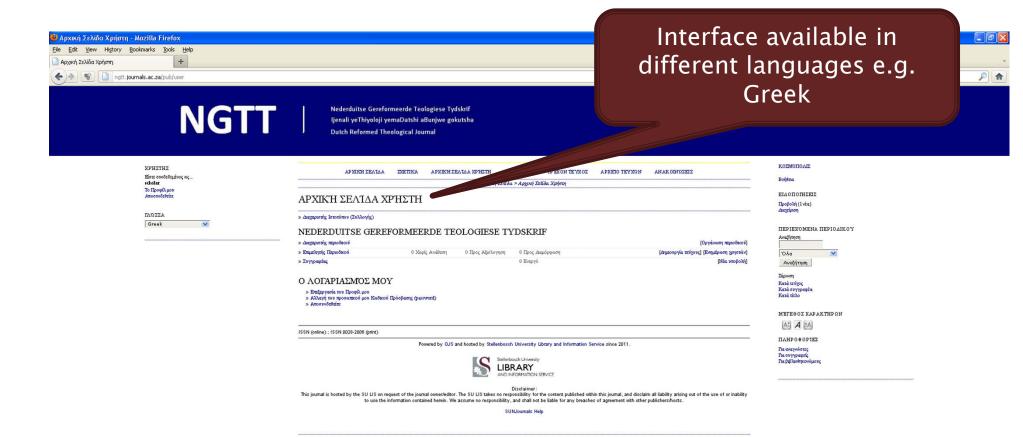
DOI & URL Repositories – please use publishers' version + include link to primary location as part of metadata



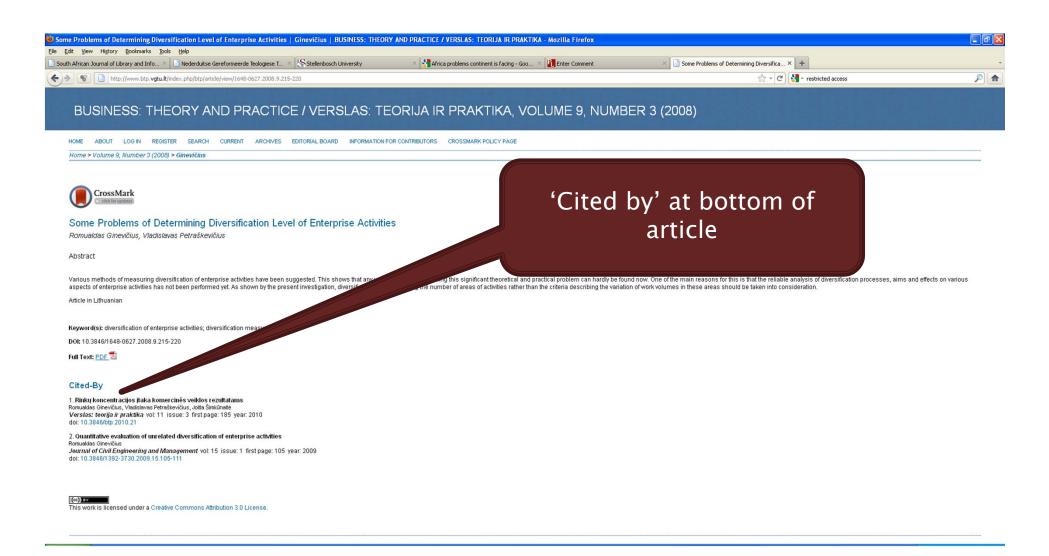




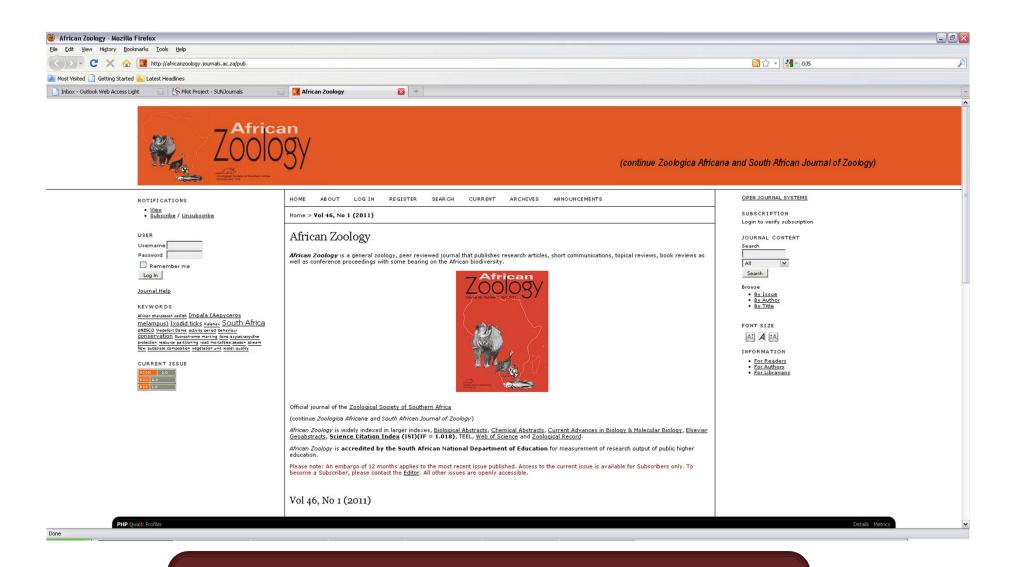








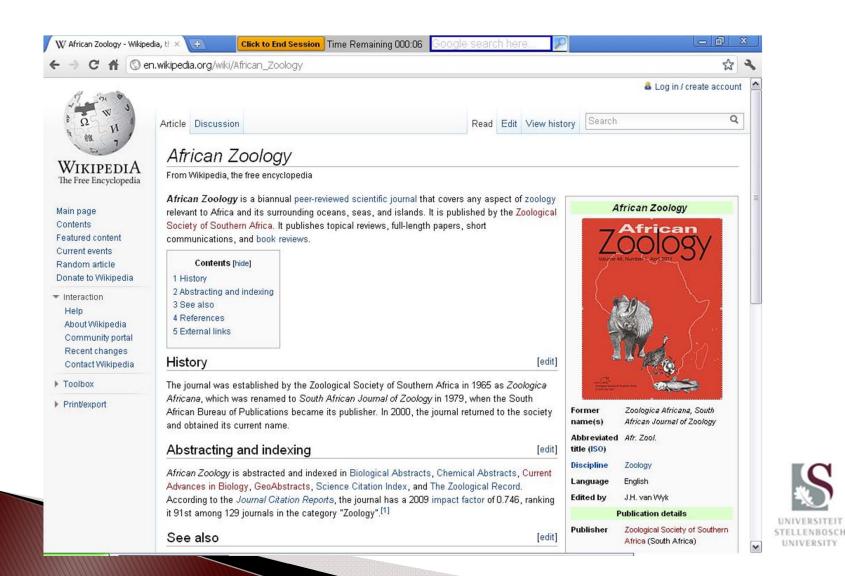




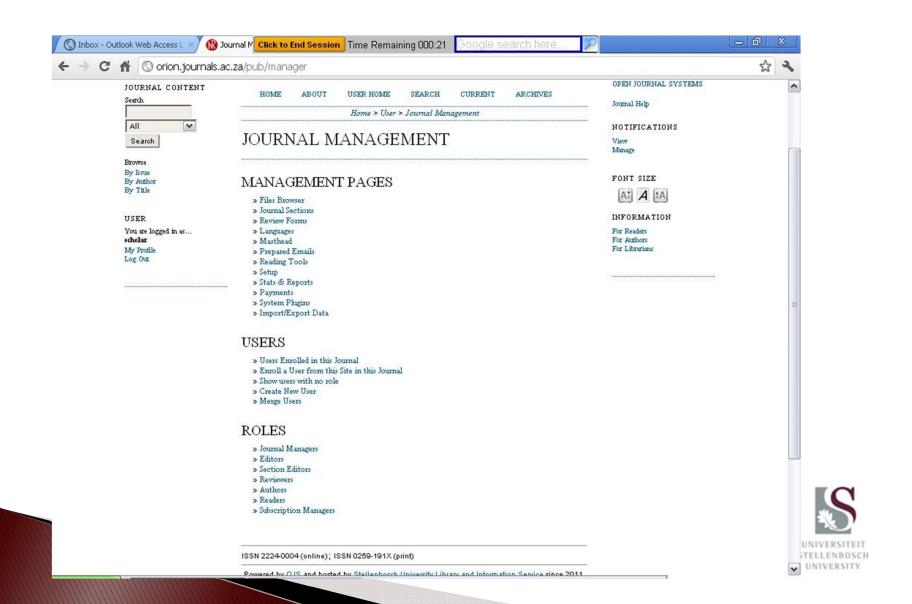
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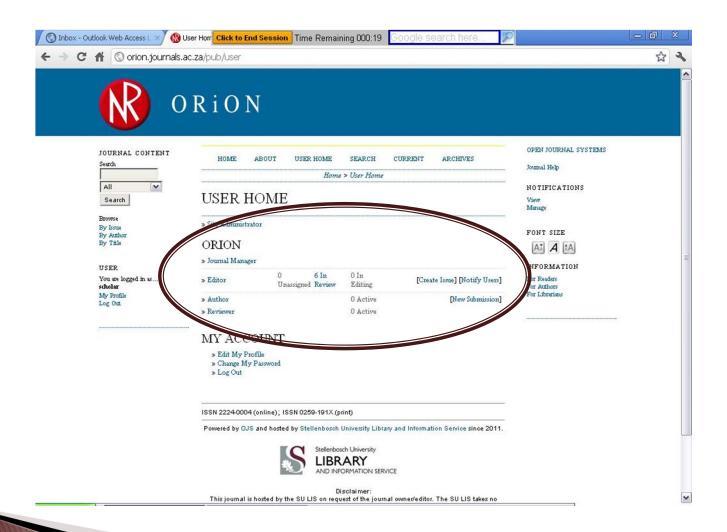
Wikipedia entry for each academic journal



Managing a journal behind the scenes



Electronic Workflow





What made this project so successful?

- Strong leadership
 - Creative & brave
 - Guts & follow gut–feeling
 - Driven, passionate
 - Unselfish our energy lies in the growth of others around us
- Editors approached the Library trust
- Open for learning
- Strong technical expertise
- Support from Vice-Rector Research



"Dear Oswell

I am so delighted to receive this email. What an opportunity. We have so much research papers which would have ended in Zambia and now we have the opportunity to share it on a much broader platform. I am so thankful for all that you are doing for the profession in Zambia. As an allumni of Stellenbosch University I am so thankful for this open door to us.

Kind regards, Dr Esther Nkandu 25 Aug. 2011"

Zambian Journal of Physiotherapy



Opportunities for Collaboration

Dear Leopold Scholtz
My name is
I and a colleague of mine,, will visit South Africa in September. We will be in Cape Town between 9 and 13 September, in Pretoria/Johannesburg between 15 and 20 September, and finally end our trip at the Second South African Conference on Strategic Theory in Stellenbosch between 22 and 23 September. If you are in the neighbourhood, maybe we could meet over coffee? Otherwise, maybe we could talk over phone?
Looking forward to hear from you. E-mail: 29 Aug. 2011
Best regards
Fil Dr
Scientia Militaria http://scientiamilitaria.journals.ac.za/



Changes in Open Access versus Subscription Journal Impact Factors

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February 2010

"This preliminary look at the change in the impact of open access versus subscription journals indicates that there is reason to believe that open access journals are increasing their impact relative to their subscription—based peers. It seems that openness does provide an evolutionary advantage."



First world ranking for Stellenbosch University

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"We have taken note of this accolade with humility, but it emphasises anew that our vision for the future and the application of our proven expertise to enhance our active role-playing and relevance globally (with a special focus on Africa) are strategically sound." This was the comment made by Prof Russel Botman, Rector and Vice-Chancellor [...]

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Council congratulates SU on position on QS World Rankings

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"The Stellenbosch University Council would like to congratulate the Management, as well as the staff and students of Stellenbosch University on the outstanding achievement in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings," said Dr Paul Cluver, Chairperson of Council after the scheduled Council meeting on 12 September. "Council endorses the Rector's point of view that [...]

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The way forward ...

- ▶ Register with directories, harvesters, Wikipedia
- DoE accreditation
- ISI Impact Factor
- ▶ LOCKSS (Lots-Of-Copies-Keep-Stuff-Safe)
- Metadata Editors?
- Faculty Librarians?
- Share our knowledge re OJS
- Launch during OA seminar on 27 October 2011: http://oa.sun.ac.za
- More journals ...



The Bigger Picture ...

"Open access to research can help save our planet, prevent that she dies, find solutions to local problems ...

What SU does might be a drop in the ocean, but together we can make a huge impact."





Thank you!

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