

A Network of Informative Resources for the Veterinary Medicine: A Case of Study in Umbria - Italy

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The study concerns an activity aimed at making a network for the wide diffusion and sharing of technical-scientific information in the sector of the Veterinary Health and Services.

A campaign of survey on the informative explicit demands, coming from public and private workers in the veterinary field, has been set out with the purpose to define this network. We estimated the requirements of the institutional and potential users, through the diffusion of a provided questionnaire.

The following has been analysed: potential use of the informatic tools, typology of requested information, formation needs of users, distinctive features and characteristics of the informative service.

Based upon the obtained results a protocol of interaction between corporate bodies and public Institutions active in the territory has been defined in order to provide advanced informative services through the use of on-line databases.

The answers have been used to define the structure of a "friendly" informative system adherent to a satisfactory standard of quality, usable also for professionals who operate in socially and economically isolated contexts of the Region.

The questionnaire has defined the general situation of Veterinarians, who work in the territory of Umbria and Marche Regions for what concerns the knowledge about use of informatic tools and the Internet, linguistic abilities and availability of PCs.

Furthermore, these people expressed the need to:

- have better information on library services,
- have availability on informatic instruments and data-bases,
- access to services on the Veterinary profession and related topics.

The results of the research allow to delineate a system of cheap "open-library" at low cost, mostly based on the Web technology, able to supply the informative requirements of professionals working in the sector of the animal health, giving at the same time, an organizational model useful also for other areas of Italy.