

## **The COVET Project: Indexing of Italian Veterinary Journals**

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The COVET project stems from the cooperative tradition of some of the largest academic veterinary medicine libraries, a collaboration that counted among its primary objectives the exchange of materials between the adhering bodies. For this reason the committee has highlighted the fact that there is a low incidence of Italian articles indexing in the sector's major international databases, due to the linguistic difficulty as well as the local character of some of the articles found in the journals examined. It is exactly for this local character that they are necessary to carry out a complete topical bibliographical research. The aforementioned gap had been previously pointed out by graduating students and professors wanting to see a better local circulation of their works. For this reason it was thought that a systematic indexing of Italian articles could be implemented, with the work being divided among the member libraries. Software will be used that permits the insertion of the indexes while linking them to the Italian national journal catalogue (ACNP). This software, which is already present in the libraries, is the same used to catalogue the library holdings. Consultation will be carried out through an interface with which the Current Contents may be queried: therefore the library bibliographic holding is integrated on a local place. The result is then downloadable in various formats and may also be used as an autonomous database. The future developments of the COVET project will continually focus more on the resources already present in the single structures, creating a virtual veterinary library that organizes and shares information and services useful to the whole veterinary community.