

Accessibility and Structure of Veterinary Library Services in the World Wide Web

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The research on the Veterinary Library On Line analyzes the accessibility and the usability of the Veterinary Libraries informative resources reachable by World Wide Web.

By means of e-mail, questionnaires have been submitted to Veterinary Libraries Web site administrators.

Questionnaires regarding the characteristics of the Web initiatives in order to evaluate:

- "reactivity" of the service to the atypical informative requests;
- "reactivity" of the service to the usual informative applications;
- orientation of the Web site administrators for what concerns the librarian information service based on Internet;
- possibility to develop new services of document delivery by Web;

Vet - sites has been analyzed using a grind of critical points, taking into account basic on line hypertext characteristics such as:

- information quality;
- easy of use;
- structure;
- accessibility;
- access rapidity;
- global efficiency;

The weak and strength points of this form of Web communication have been analyzed for the diffusion of the technical-scientific information and the alternative paths to achieve a better incisiveness of these telematic tools have been delineated.