

Parallel Sessions C
C3 – Veterinary Special Interest Group

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Improvement of the Practising Veterinarian's Information Literacy by Netbased Education

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The Veterinary medicine library is, according to the strategy of the Faculty of veterinary medicine, responsible for the education of information literacy in basic and continuing education. The latter is given in co-operation with three partners; the University of Helsinki Institute for Continuing Education together with the Faculty, the Finnish Veterinary Association (FVA) and the provincial state offices and their veterinarians. The library has got mainly positive feedback for its courses, which, when part of a broader curriculum, have been integrated with the other topics taught. Yet there was a requirement for an outreach program in information literacy for as many of the provincial veterinarians as possible. The library has, in co-operation with among others FVA, made more electronic material available for the provincial veterinarian. A tailored portal for this group is planned and will be presented at the conference. Teach yourself netbased tutorials are designed by the library in co-operation with the veterinarians on how to use the resources through this tailor-made portal. Experiences of the course design, combined face to face instruction and the netbased option for learning information literacy will be shared with the conference delegates.