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PATHWAYS TO NEW ROLES:

The Education, Training and Continuing Development of the Health Library & Information Workforce

BIOMEDICAL LIBRARIAN IN VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTIONS:

COMPETENCE PROFILE AND TRAINING

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AIM

- ➤ To show the process to identify the competence profile and to plan education routes, in conformity with the quality principles defined in *ISO 9001: 2000 rule*
- ➤ To outline the role profile of the current health librarian within the VPH (Veterinary Public Health) as an information manager
- To emphasize the methods, the instruments and the tools applied as performance and competence indicators

BACKGROUND

THE VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM IN ITALY (1)

✓ at governamental level:

The Ministry of Health:
 directive and coordination activity

ISS (Istituto Superiore di Sanità):
 technical-scientific Board of the Ministry of Health

THE VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM IN ITALY (2)

√ regional level

The Regions:

- coordination, managing and inspection

II.ZZ.SS.(Istituti Zooprofilattici Sperimentali):

- effective technical and operational tool of the National Public Service (SSN)

✓ local level:

Health Local Boards Units (ASL): Health Services

THE LIBRARIAN'S ACTIVITIES AT II.ZZ.SS. (1)

Peculiar user profile:

Internal users:

Researchers, veterinarians, biologists, chemists, biomedical laboratory technicians, administrative staff, ICT experts

External users:

public health operators (ASL), free lance veterinarians, students

THE LIBRARIAN'S ACTIVITIES AT II.ZZ.SS. (2)

IZS librarian as information manager

the plethora of the informative offer

the urgency and punctuality of its users' demand

THE LIBRARIAN'S ACTIVITIES AT II.ZZ.SS. (3)

User-oriented services:

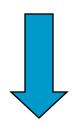
- information retrieval and handling
 - reference
- knowledge management
- user education and empowerment

A multi-skill approach to tackle a multi- faceted reality: heterogeneous fields

THE LIBRARIAN'S ACTIVITIES AT II.ZZ.SS. (4)

 have to develop peculiar skills and to acquire specific knowledge in various fields,

to provide a high-level continuous support to research and scientific updating



in IZS Lombardia ed Emilia (IZSLE) and In IZS Lazio e Toscana (IZSLT) a specific education route

as been developed to develop competence and to audit the results

EXPERTISE

The library teamwork operates in concert with the *Training and Continuous Education Section*



Our approach

- objective performance indicators measurement
- target identification
- critical points analysis

✓ periodical surveys to check the library staff performances required

QUALITY SYSTEM

our approach is in conformity with

the ISO 9001: 2000 rule



- Point 6: Resource Management
- Point 7: Planning and Development
- Point 8: the System Performance Screening and Measurement

Point 6: Resource Management

Point 6.2: Staff

■ Point 6.2.2: Competence, awareness, training

FOCUSED SPECIFIC COMPETENCE

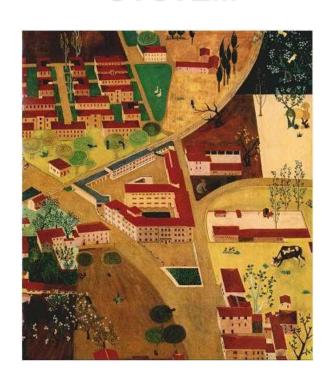
Specific Skills and Abilities in:

- Librarianship
- VPH Legislation
- Specific ICT Knowledge and Skills
 - Research activity
- Communication and Resource Management

II.ZZ.SS. IN ITALY



ISTITUTO ZOOPROFILATTICO SPERIMENTALE DELLA LOMBARDIA ED EMILIA (IZSLER) LIBRARY SYSTEM



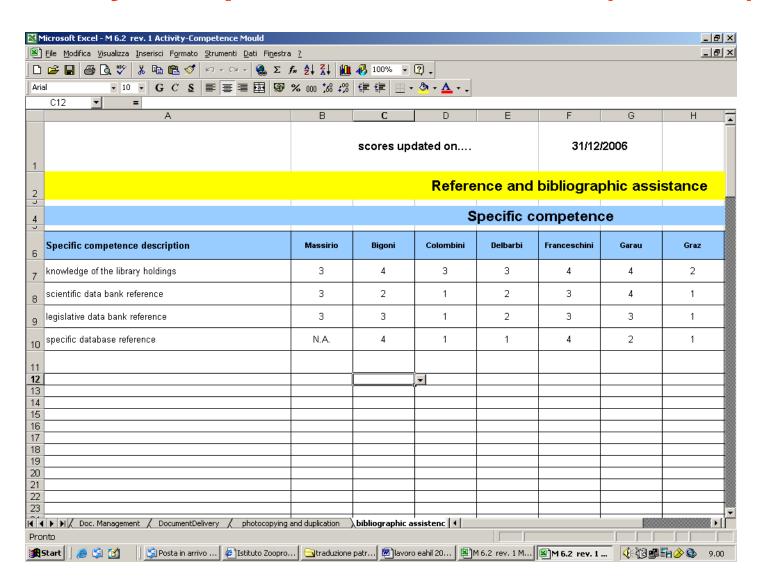
• First step:

Competence development analysis through Personal Records to focus knowledge, skills and abilities and tasks

Second step:

Drawing up of the Activity/Competence Mould Table

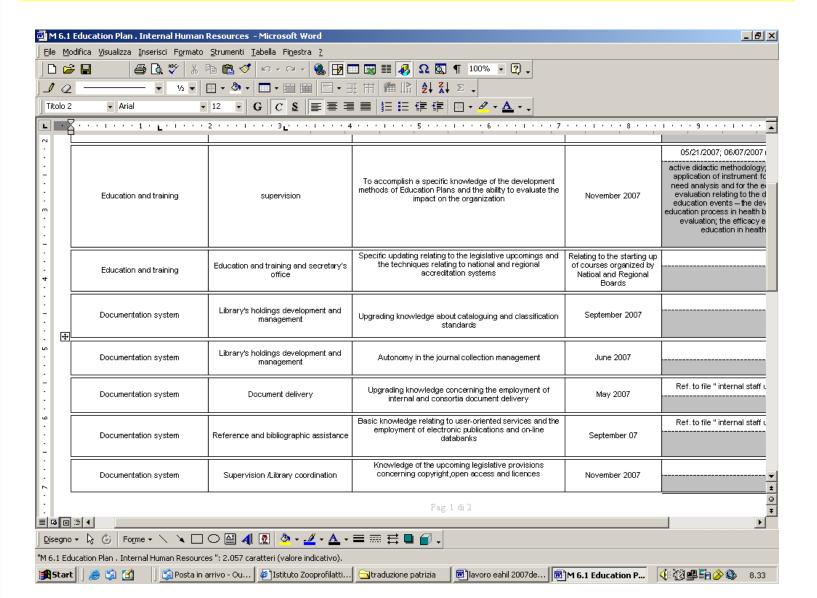
Activity/Competence Mould Table (IZSLER)



Third step:

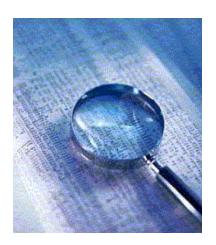
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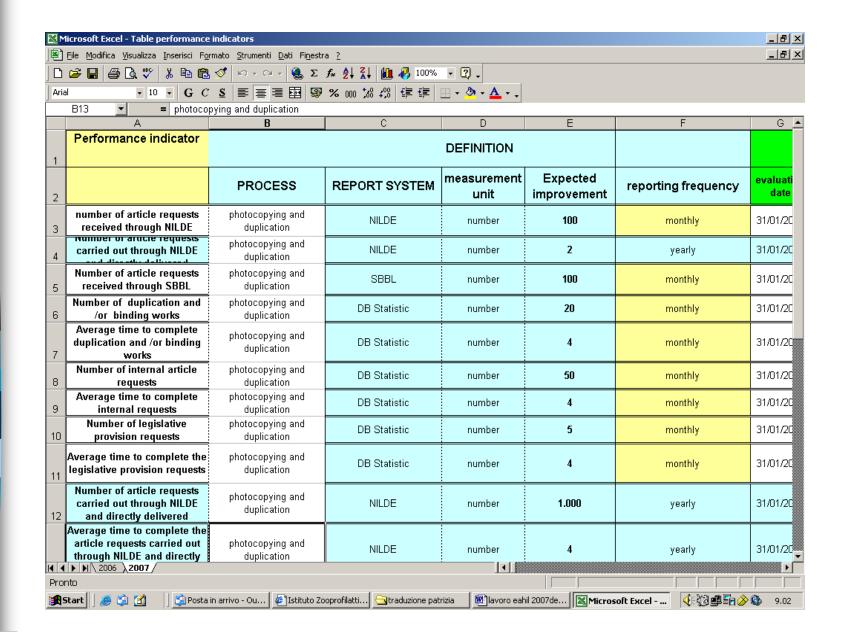


Fourth step:

Screening and Evaluation through specific Performance Indicators



PERFORMANCE INDICATOR TABLE (IZSLER)



Fifth Step: AUDITING SYSTEM

- Internal audits: every six months
- External audits: Certification Authority once a year

• Subsequent *Development Management Paper*: correction and prevention actions

Sixth Step: CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY

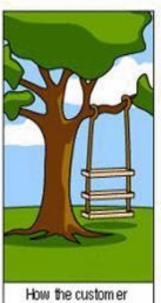
- Aim: competence development control
- Method: questionnaire
- Time-schedule: every six month

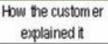


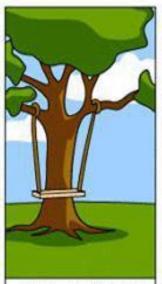
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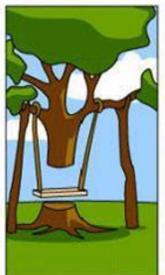
the impact of the services supplied by analysing the users' feedback, in terms of evaluation, suggestions and informal comments



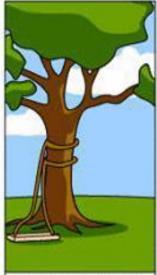




How the project leader understood it



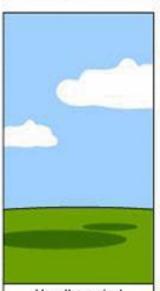
How the analyst designed it



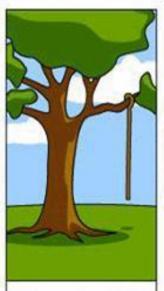
How the programmer wrote it



How the business consultant described it



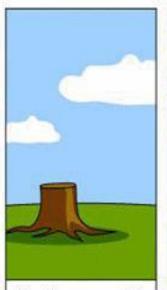
How the project was documented



What operations installed



How the customer was billed



How it was supported

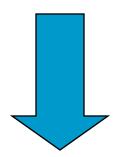


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ISTITUTO ZOOPROFILATTICO SPERIMENTALE DELLE REGIONI LAZIO E TOSCANA (IZSLT) LIBRARY SYSTEM

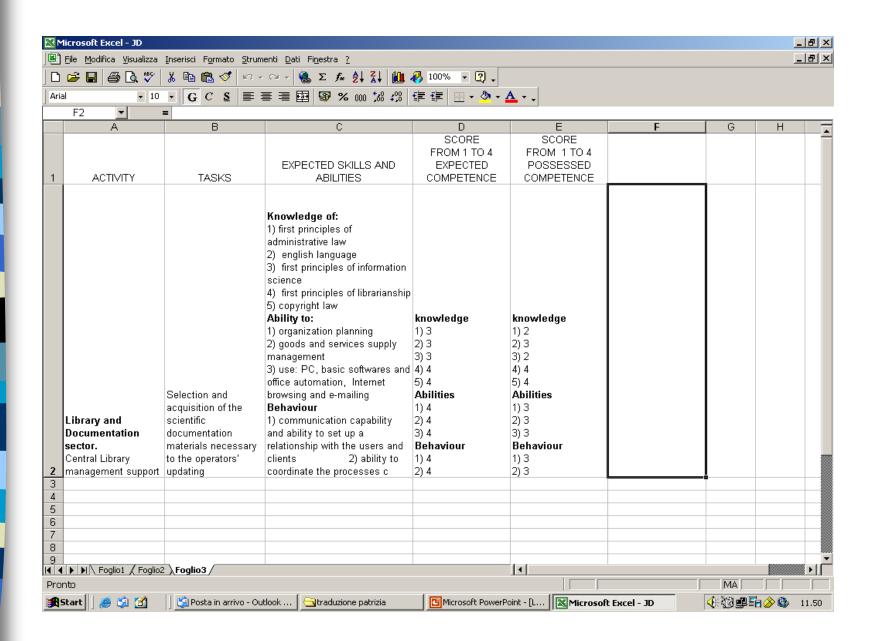


First step: Job Description paper of each operator

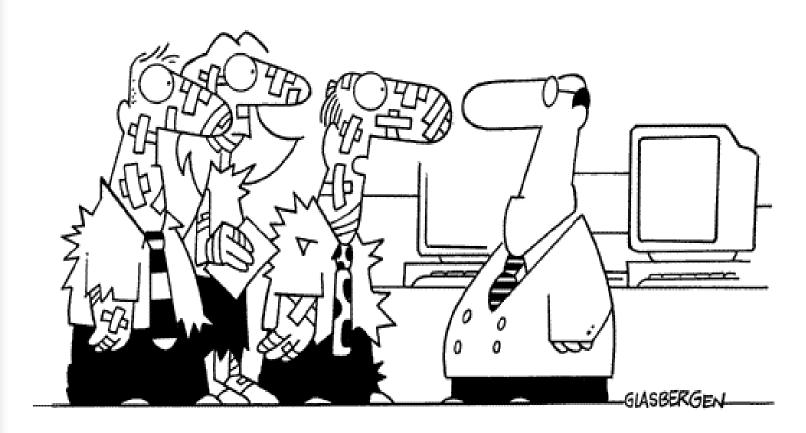


- Activities/tasks performed
- Skills and abilities required and actually possessed

JOB DESCRIPTION (IZSLT)

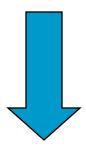


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"Frankly sir, we're tired of being on the cutting edge of technology."

Second step: Department Education Plan



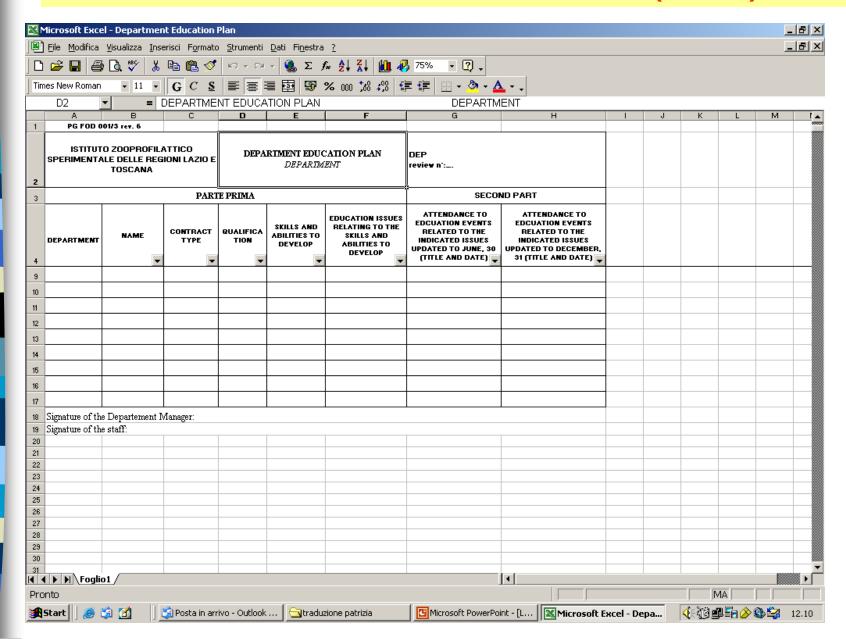
The gap between the expected and the actually possessed competence

gives rise to

a specific education and training route

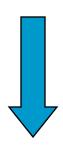
✓ Screening on a settled time-basis

DEPARTMENT EDUCATION PLAN (IZSLT)



Third step: screening and check

as internal auditing



- A check interview to examinate the targets pursued
- comparison between

the staff's self-evaluation and the Manager's evaluation

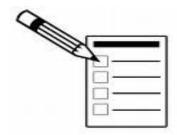


SIX-MONTH CHECK (IZSLT)

SECTOR	ACTIVITIES/TASKS	NOTES	CHECK RESULT (form 1 to 6; positive result: ≥ 4).
Library and Documentation sector	carrying out the tasks indicated in the Job Description (JD).		1) score
	2) cooperation to the procedure relating to the acquisition of the documentation material by the new purchase management software		2) score
	3) effective cooperation in using the IZSLT web site for the Library homepage: screening and updating	3) efficient cooperation with the technical operators	3) score
	4) cooperation in the Library re-organization project	4) to point at enjoying a better cooperation with the colleagues involved	4) score

Fourth Step: CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY

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RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS (1)

IZSLER-BRESCIA

Process management through performance indicators



SYSTEMATIC AND INTEGRATED OUTLOOK

IZSLT-ROME

Screening and evaluation of the single operator's specific competence



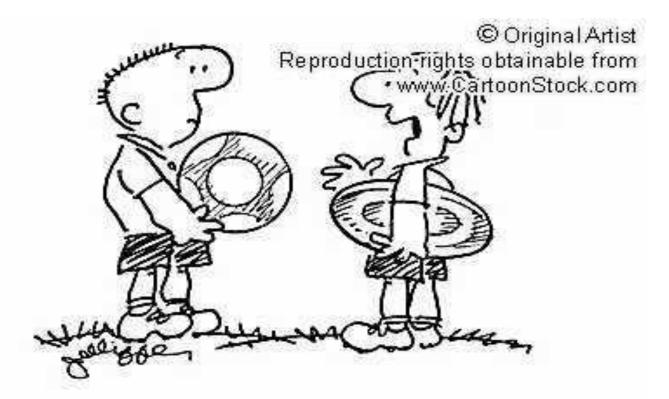
INDIVIDUAL COMPETENCE ANALYSIS

RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS (2)

Future perspectives:

INTEGRATION between THE TWO SYSTEMS

TEAM WORK and interlibrary **COOPERATION**



"You play ball with me and I'll play ball with you!"

RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS (3)

Acting as *reflective practitioner,*both IZSLT and IZSLER librarians have acquired:

- Self-confidence
- Awareness of the implicit and explicit services needed and the competence required
- Spur to plan education targets

THANK YOU!

