



# Tools and organization of a current awareness service

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## Objectives

Occupational medicine professionals have interests in many fields (toxicology, virology, ergonomics etc.) Thus literature follow-up is complicated and time demanding. In order to facilitate the identification of the relevant information, we have started in 2005 a literature follow-up concerning the occupational health of healthcare workers.

## Material and methods

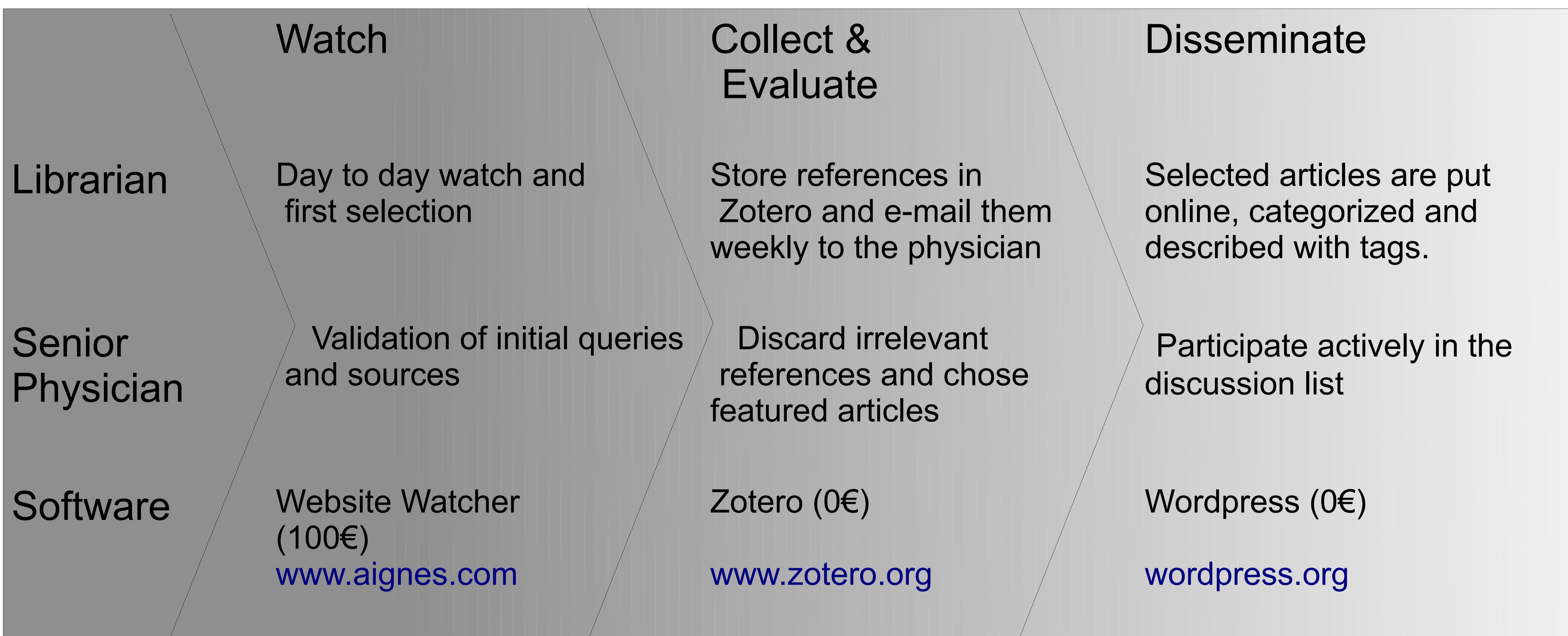
A medical librarian gather daily all information possibly relevant from a list of selected websites (grey literature), from bibliographic databases (mainly PubMed) and from the major medical journals. All documents retrieved are examined weekly by a senior occupational physician who selects the most important documents, i.e. those which bring valuable and accurate information. They are published on a specific website (<http://www.chu-rouen.fr/mtph>) and posted on a mailing list created for this purpose.

## Results

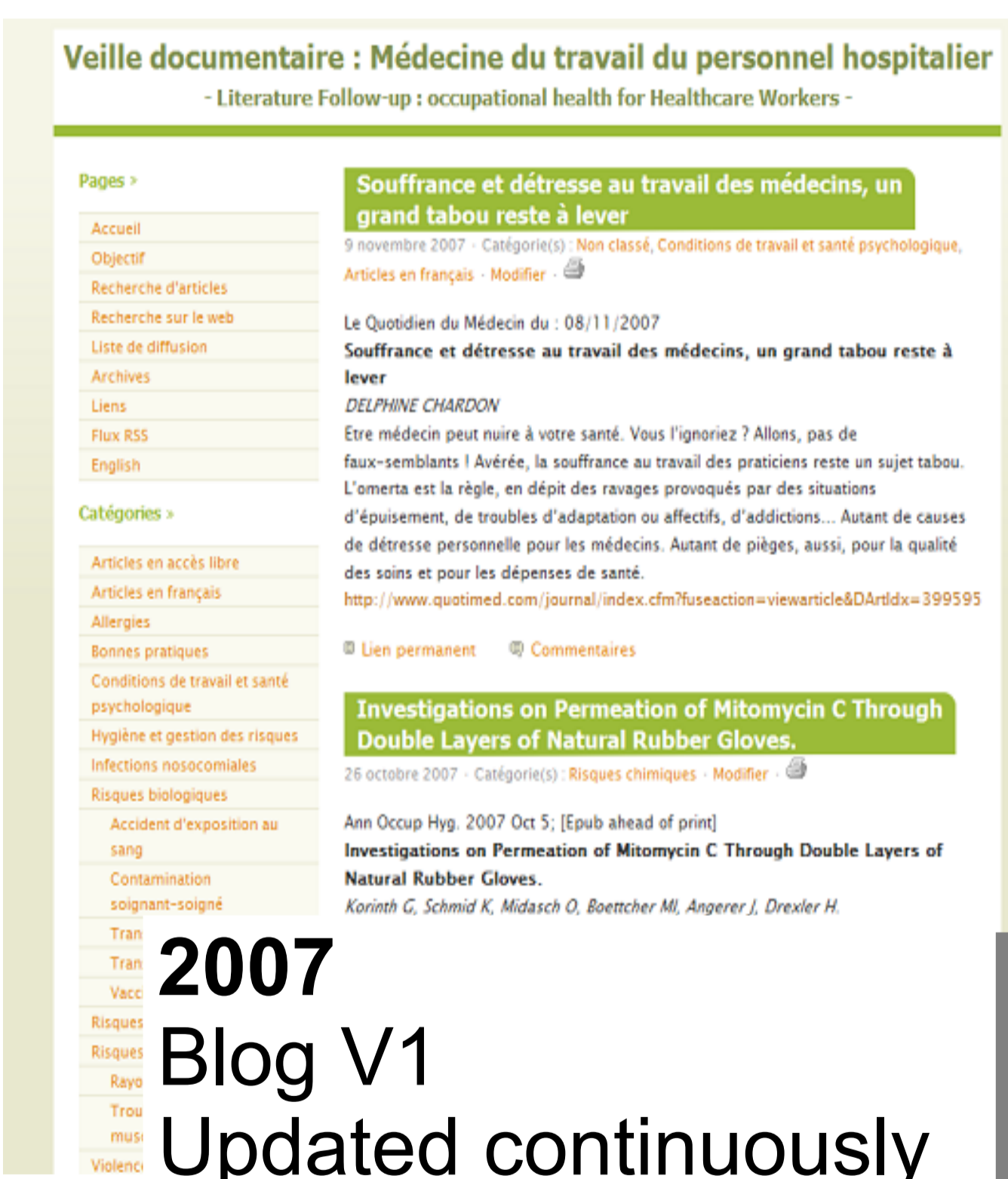
In April 2010, the website included 1897 references, among which 610 had a free access to the full text and 625 were in French. The site has nearly 2000 unique visitors per month and the mailing list includes 172 occupational health professionals.

## Discussion

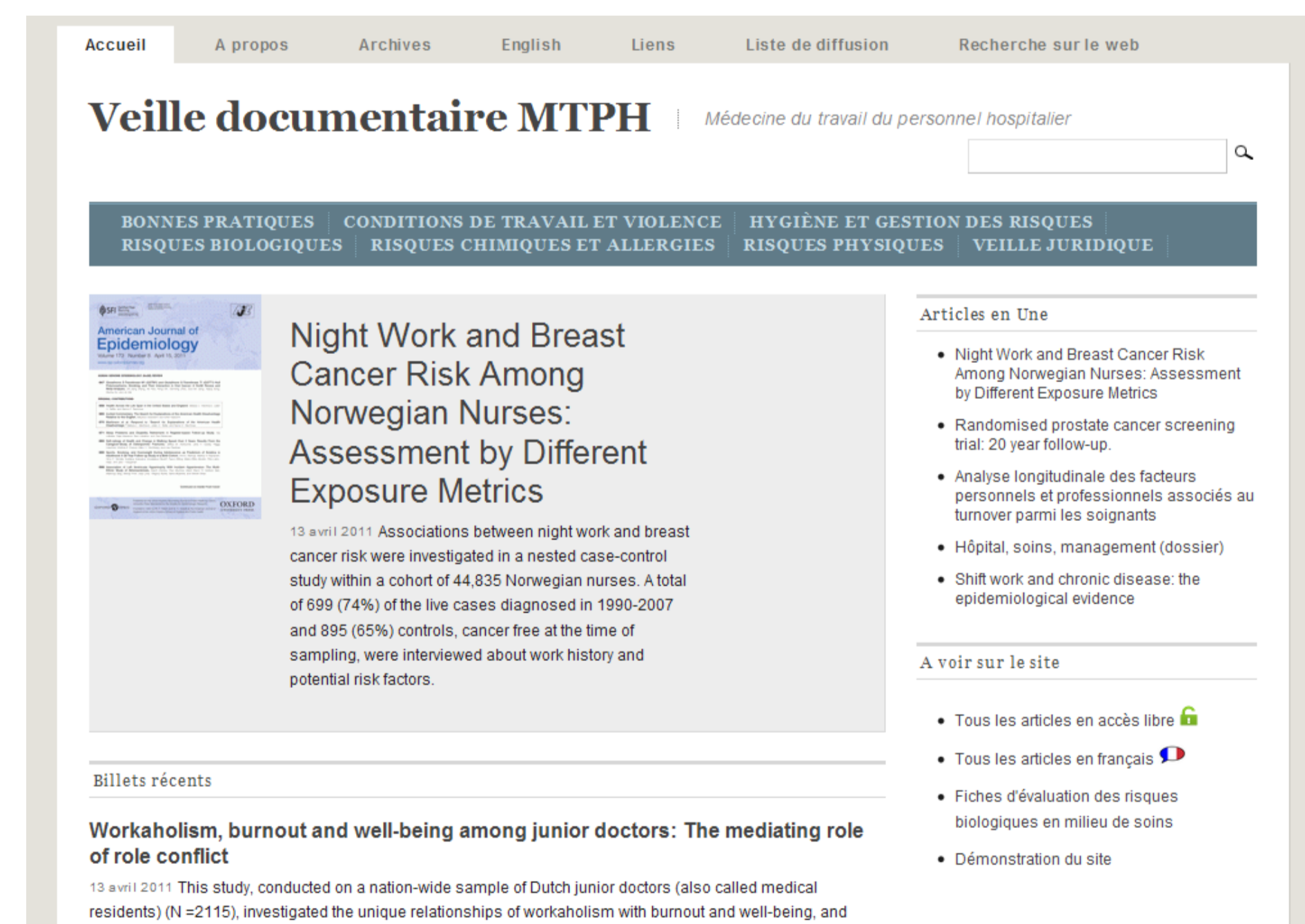
This follow up intends to help occupational health professionals involved in occupational health for healthcare workers to maintain their knowledge up-to-date. As none of the aspects of this service is domain-specific, we believe the presentation of our experience could benefit to other similar projects.



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HTML+PDF Files updated monthly  
Mailing List



**2007**  
Blog V1  
Updated continuously  
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**2010**  
Rich browsing: categories, tags, featured articles  
Rich links: PubMed, DOI, PDF, full text  
Partial bibliographic software compatibility

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