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HARNESSING THE POWER OF THE VETERINARY GREY LITERATURE

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Grey Literature In Veterinary Medicine

- 1997 study of Williams and Croft
- 2003 bibliometric study by Pelzer and Wiese
- Acquisition statistics from selected sites FY 2006 and FY 2007

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Plan

- Three National Libraries

Library of Congress

National Library of Medicine

National Agricultural Library

Lost History of Veterinary Profession

- Currently 28 veterinary colleges in United States and Canada
- 41 have disappeared
- Of those 41, almost 50% have no extant publications

The
Grand Rapids
VETERINARY
COLLEGE

SESSIONS OF
1913

Bulletin.

No. 20.

JUNE, 1908

Kansas City
Veterinary College
Quarterly

Published by the Kansas City Veterinary College,
Kansas City, Mo.

Plan for the Future: Rescue the Past, Restore, and Preserve

- Development of Focus Group
 - Seven veterinary libraries involved
 - Chosen for specific reasons
 - Met at Texas A&M University; additional meetings held at conferences
- Survey
- Creation of Steering Group
- Action Plan

Survey of Veterinary Libraries

- American Veterinary Medical Association
- Approximately 75% response rate
- Few actively acquire grey literature
- Preservation programs
- Digitization programs
- Institutional repositories
- Implications for Action Plan

Action Plan

- Communicate
- Raise awareness
- Mentoring
 - Meetings, reports, publications
- Digitization and metadata
 - Two institutions partner on grant for demonstration project
 - Washington State University hosting ICAHIS publications
- Website under development

Outcomes

- Creation of Steering Group
- Communication
- Grant Proposals
- Research Projects

Future Plans and Hopes

- Locate
- Access
- Preserve
- Educate
- New Collaborations and Partners