

Annual Report on Changes in Veterinary Academic Libraries 2017 Survey

General

- Distributed to 111 international veterinary libraries that are accredited, approved or conditionally approved by American Veterinary Medical Association, Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, Australasian Veterinary Boards Council, or the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education
- 43.2% response rate
- 18 questions
- Document changes in space, collections, organizational structure and personnel

Results

Survey Responses by Accrediting Agency Breakdown

Numbers of responses

AVBC: 6

AVMA: 35

EAEVE: 13

RCVS: 7

Other: 4

Creating the Composite Veterinary Library

- Adapted from the American Association of Health Science Libraries annual survey
- Tool for benchmarking and trends analysis
- Constructed from the majority (mean and median values) response for selected data reported

The Composite Veterinary Library

- Located within the College of Veterinary Science
- Veterinary collections located in veterinary library
- Reports to and is funded by university library
- Collections prefer electronic over print, earlier print editions are retained and includes AVs
- Funding has remained unchanged or reduced
- Space has been internally reassigned
- Staffing levels show no significant changes reported in any category
- Services and activities offered onsite
 - LibGuides
 - General research consultations
 - Expert searching
 - Computers

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- Collection development
- Group study spaces
- Individual study spaces
- Reserve book collection
- Teach as guest lecturer
- Teach classes/webinars outside of veterinary curriculum
- Acquisitions

The Composite Veterinary Librarian

- Has seen increased responsibilities over last 5 years with no significant change in financial support and their ability to fulfill
- Responsible for veterinary medicine in addition to other subjects
- Activities
 - Collection development
 - General research consultations
 - LibGuides
 - Expert searching
 - Reference
 - Acquisitions
 - Teach classes/webinars outside of veterinary curriculum
 - Teach as guest lecturer
 - Systematic review consultations
- Position changes
 - 57% no changes
 - 30% reassigned in last 5 years
 - 15% consolidated in last 5 years
- Changing workforce
 - 16% currently in interim position
 - 42% assumed position in last 5 years
 - 47% plan to retire or leave in next 5 years

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