



Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2008

Dear Colleague

**Re: BEFRED changes and BEF Research Portfolio Update**

Further to the letter circulated in August I am writing to update you with changes to BEFRED and provide an update on the BEF Research Portfolio.

The last few weeks have been very exciting with a number of interesting developments. EVJ Ltd have given permission for fully referenced abstracts from the Equine Veterinary Journal and Equine Veterinary Education to be uploaded onto BEFRED. The BEF would like to thank Rachel, James, Josh and all at EVJ Ltd for making this possible. The process of uploading some of these Abstracts will take place in the next couple of months. A number of other Journals will shortly be approached to see if they will be similarly supportive, please let me know if you have a publication you would like to include.

Phase III developments to BEFRED are progressing and will include making the peer review option a searchable field with the default setting for this option becoming "This work has not been peer reviewed". Instructions for uploading Abstracts will be amended to reflect these changes and circulated when they have been made.

An advert appeared in the National Equine Student magazine last term, to encourage students to upload their dissertation Abstracts when they hand in their theses. Please encourage your students at the appropriate time. Remember, no abstract will be available to the public on BEFRED without the approval of the Authorised Establishment Personnel (AEP).

The Journals and Organisations, Research Ops and Conferences pages on BEFRED are beginning to be populated, please encourage students to use this facility. If you have anything you would like to add to these pages please email me.

A number of people have volunteered to become involved with the BEFRED Advisory Group and the BEF British Equine Research Group (Research Lead Body). We are currently considering how to take these two bodies forward.

To keep abreast of developments, please log on to the BEF's website at [http://www.bef.co.uk/Equine\\_Research](http://www.bef.co.uk/Equine_Research). If you would like any further information, or to discuss the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. I hope you have a Happy New Year.

Best wishes

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