

# WIKIPEDIA for Science Outreach

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#### WIKIPEDIA - a free encyclopedia

Imagine a world in which every single person on the planet is given free access to the sum of all human knowledge.

That's what we're doing.[1]

<sup>1</sup> Jimmy Wales, co-founder of Wikipedia

#### Three parts to today's story

Part 1 - Introducing free knowledge sharing with the world's largest encyclopedia.

Part 2 - Wikipedia as a key tool for global public health promotion.

Part 3 - Workshop: Get involved!

#### "The free encyclopedia that enyone can edit"

One of the world's **top ten** most popular websites.

Wikipedia had 8,7 billion **page views** during October 2015.

Content is edited and closely monitored by <u>128,757</u> active **volunteers**, guided by **strict** community guidelines.

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#### Accuracy and reliability of content

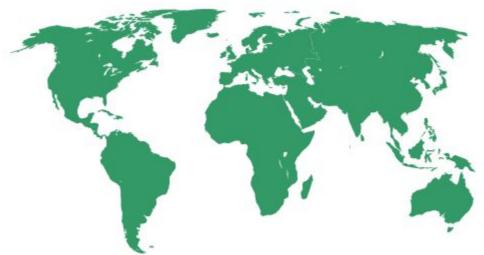
#### Nature 2005:

"The average science entry in Wikipedia contained around four inaccuracies; Britannica, about three." [2]



<sup>2</sup> Jim Giles (December 2005). <u>"Internet encyclopedias go head to head"</u>. Nature 438 (7070): 900–901.

#### Free knowledge with global impact



**291** language versions, each Wikipedia with its own community and culture.

41 local chapters support the Wikimedia movement in partnerships with governments, institutions and organisations.

#### Is Wikipedia consulted on health-related topics?

"Across Wikipedia encyclopedias in all languages there were **155,000 health articles** using 950,000 citations to sources and which collectively received **4.8 billion pageviews in 2013**.

This amount of traffic makes Wikipedia one of **the most consulted health resources in the world**, or perhaps the most consulted resource."<sup>[3]</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Heilman, James M; West, Andrew G (2015). "Wikipedia and Medicine: Quantifying Readership, Editors, and the Significance of Natural Language". Journal of Medical Internet Research 17 (3):

#### WikiProject Medicine

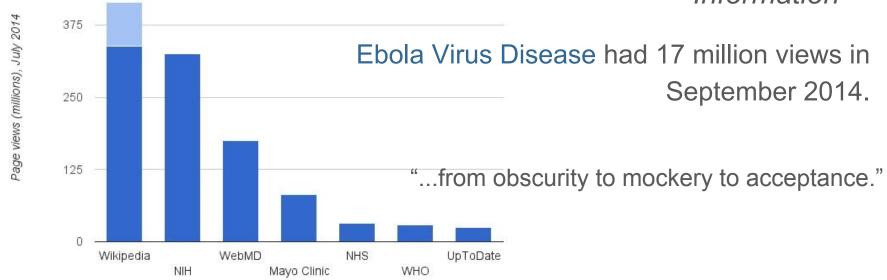


Wikipedia: A Key Tool for Global Public Health Promotion

#### Big events - big impact

Wikipedia Emerges as Trusted Internet Source for Ebola

Information<sup>[4]</sup>

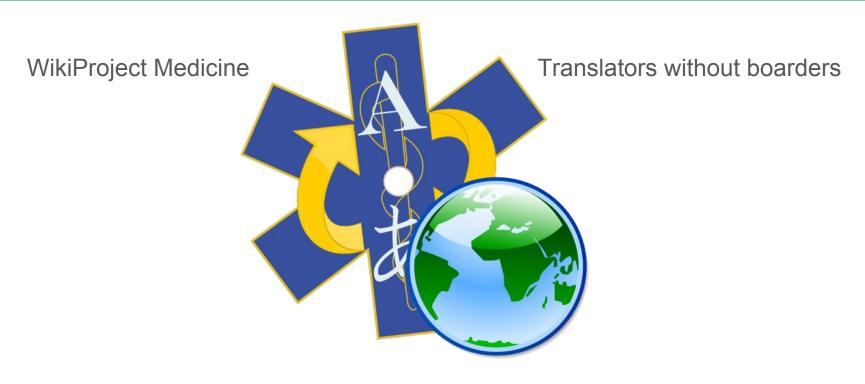


Healthcare website

Health care traffic July 2014. By James Heilman, MD (CC BY-SA 4.0)

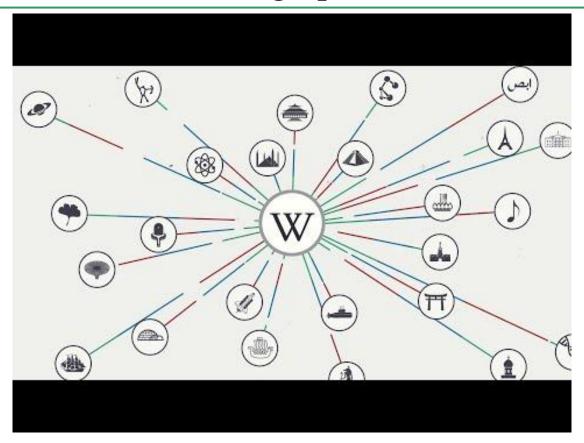
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## Sharing knowledge across barriers of language and demographics



Medical translation by CFCF (CC BY-SA 3.0)

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#### Science Outreach in Sweden

**SLU** - Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences encourages contributions from faculty.<sup>[5]</sup>

"Publish your information where everyone reads it."

Since 2013, Wikipedia has been part of Science Outreach effors at SLU. In 2015, they were joined by Linköping University, the Swedish Veterinary Institute, Gothenburg University, and Karolinska Institutet, in a project funded by The Swedish Research Council Formas.

<sup>5</sup>https://internt.slu.se/en/services/communicationsand-media/digital-services/slu-goes-wikipedia/

#### Are you ready to join?

Three steps to creating your global account.

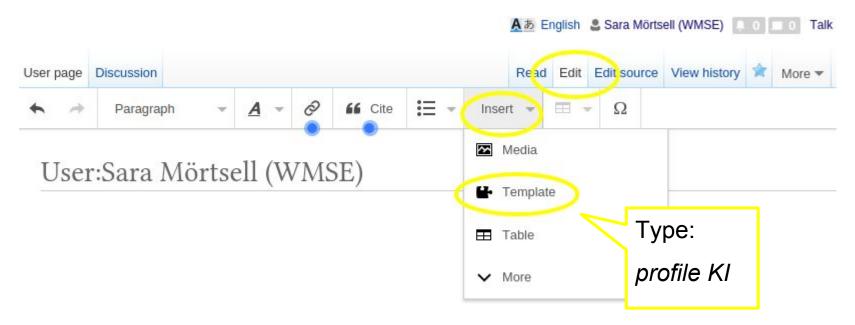
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"Create account" at the top right corner. Suggested user name is:

name surname (KI)

#### Add user template to show affiliation

Click on your user name at the top of any page.





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