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Harry Murray (1880–1966) was an Australian recipient of the Victoria Cross, the highest decoration for gallantry "in the face of the enemy" that can be awarded to members of the British and Commonwealth armed forces. Decorated several times throughout his service in the First World War, Murray rose from the rank of private to lieutenant colonel in three-and-a-half years. He is often described as the highest decorated infantry soldier of the British Empire during the First World War. Born in Tasmania, Murray worked as a farmer, courier and timber cutter before enlisting in September 1914. He served during the Gallipoli Campaign, where he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. He was later transferred along with the rest of his battalion to France for service on the Western Front, where he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order during the Battle of the Somme. In February 1917, Murray commanded a company during the battalion's attack on the German position of Stormy Trench. During the engagement, the company was able to capture the position and repulse three fierce counter-attacks, with Murray often leading bayonet and bombing charges himself. For his actions during the battle, Murray was awarded the Victoria Cross. Returning to Australia in 1920, Murray eventually settled in Queensland. Re-enlisting for service in the Second World War, he was appointed as commanding officer of the 26th (Militia) Battalion. Taking his discharge in 1944, Murray returned to his farm and died in 1966 at the age of 85. (**more...**)

Recently featured: Emperor Penguin – Matthew Boulton – *Legacy of Kain: Soul Reaver*

In the news

- The MV *Arctic Sea*, a merchant vessel missing since being hijacked in July, is **discovered** off Cape Verde by the Russian Navy.
- An accident at the **Sayano-Shushenskaya hydroelectric station** in Russia kills 12 and causes power shortages in Siberia.
- The **bombing** of a police headquarters in Nazran, Ingushetia, Russia, kills 20 and injures 138.
- At the 2009 World Championships in Athletics in Berlin, **Usain Bolt** *(pictured)* of Jamaica sets a new world record of 9.58 seconds for the 100 m sprint.
- In badminton, Lu Lan wins the women's singles and Lin Dan wins the men's singles at the **2009 BWF World Championships** in Hyderabad, India.
- **Y. E. Yang** wins the 2009 PGA Championship, becoming the first Asian-born golfer to win a men's major golf championship.

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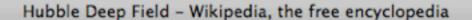
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  - Physics: >12,000 (37 "featured")
  - etc...

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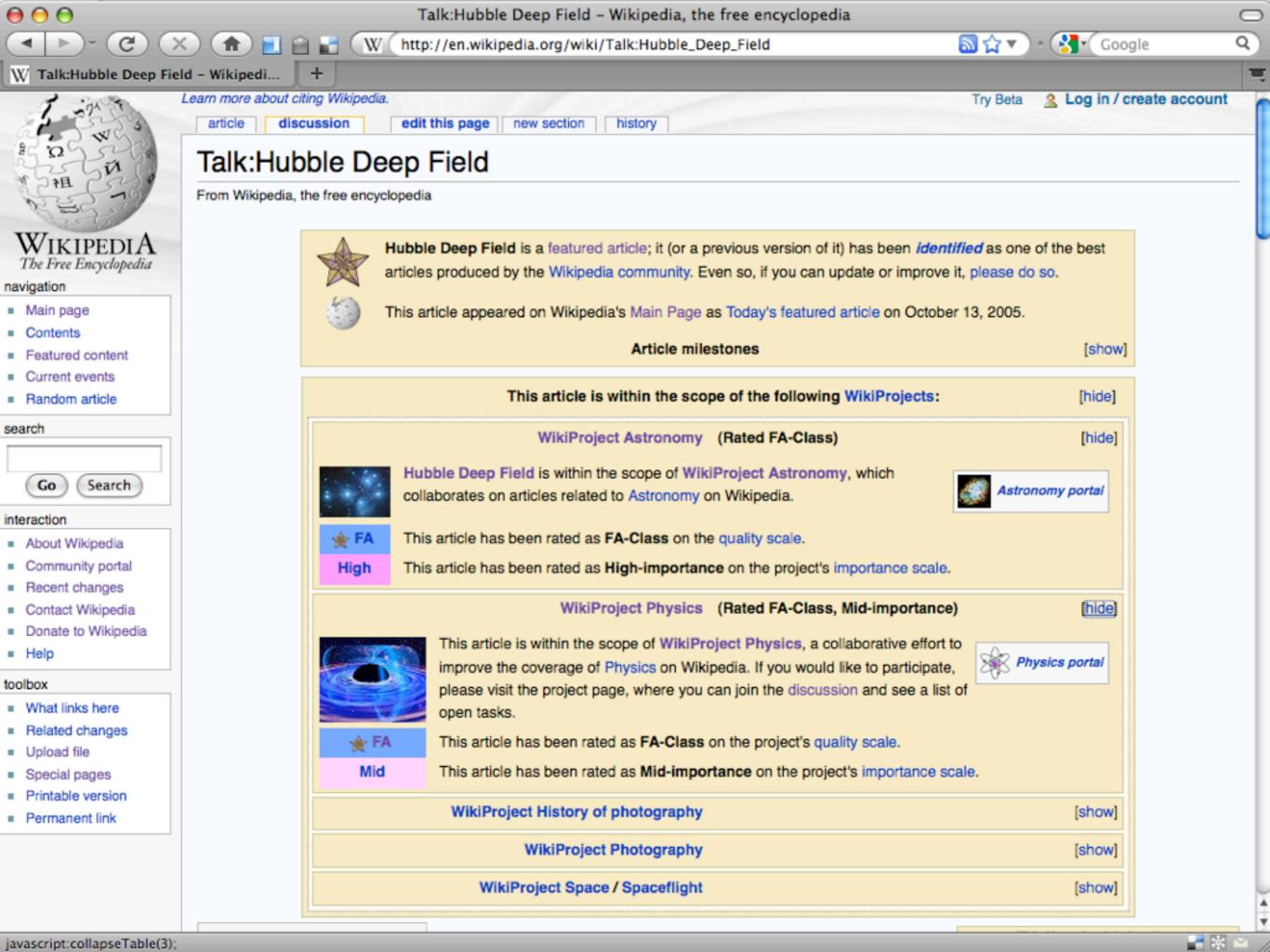28. ^ Casertano et al. (2000)
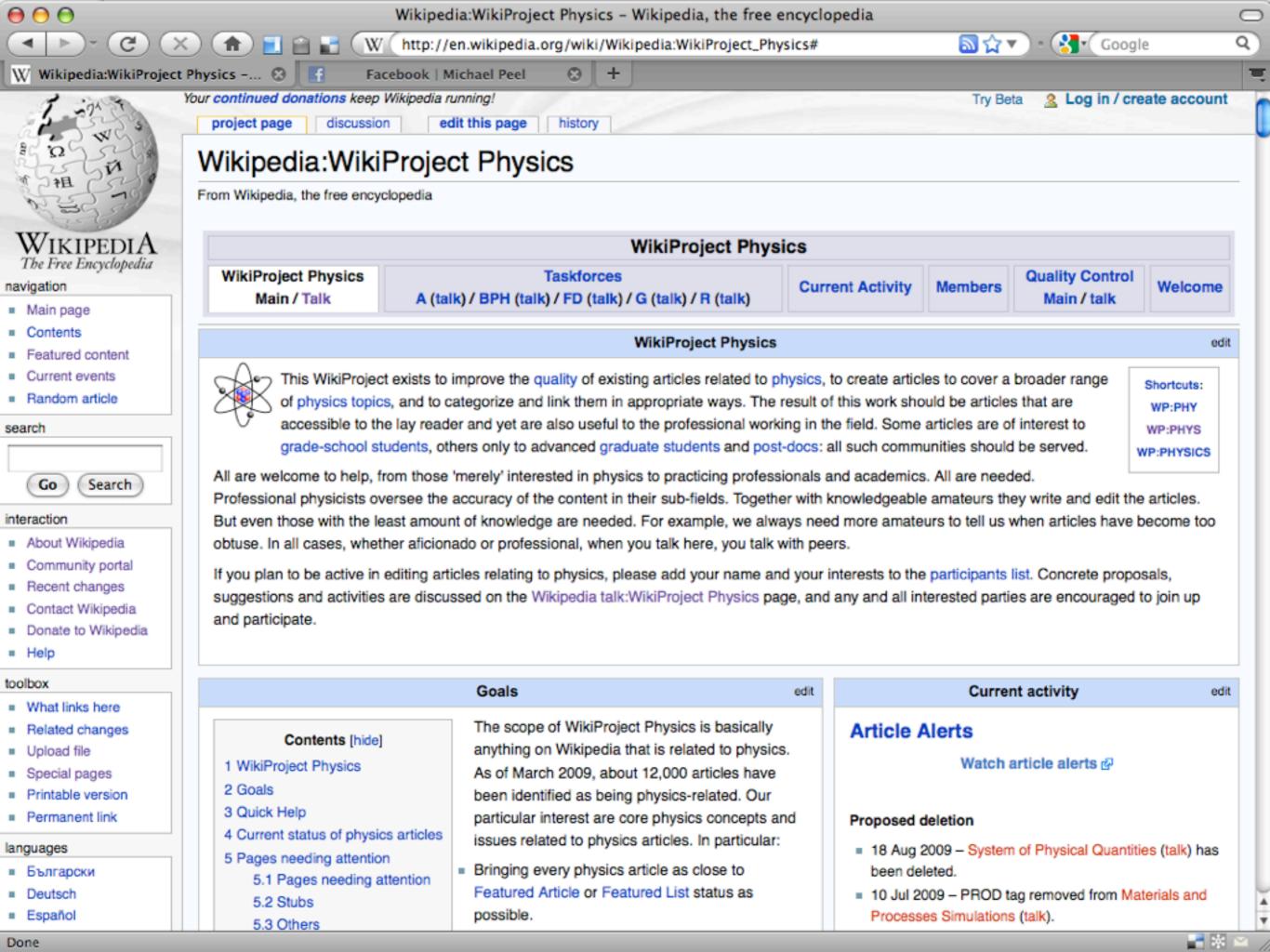29. ^ Beckwith et al. (2006)

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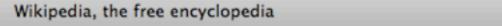
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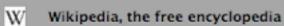- WikiProjects: groups of like-minded editors

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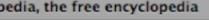
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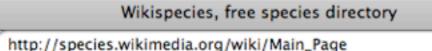
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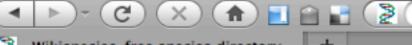
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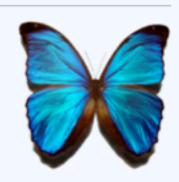
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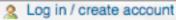
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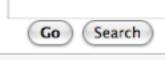
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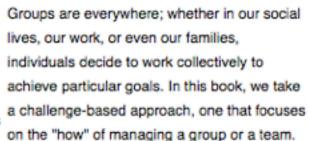
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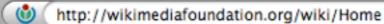Animalia · Fossils · Landscapes ·

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- **3,000,000** by Jay Walsh, Communications (August 17th, 2009) Comment!
- **Wikimedia Netherlands and the Tropenmuseum bring 2100 images to the Commons** by Jay Walsh, Communications (August 5th, 2009) Comment!
- **The abc's of Usability!** by Parul Vora, Wikimedia Usability Initiative (July 29th, 2009) Comment!
- **Let's tango!** by Naoko Komura, Program Manager, Usability Initiative (July 17th, 2009) Comment!
- **Protecting the public domain and sharing our cultural heritage** by Erik Moeller, Deputy Director (July 16th, 2009) Comment!

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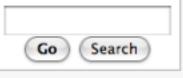
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Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will happen in the irc:wikimedia-uk-board IRC channel on **Tuesday 1st September 2009 at 20:30-22:30 BST.** (an agenda is available here)
All are welcome to attend, but only board members will be voiced. General discussion will be in irc:wikimedia-uk.

About Wikimedia UK

Wikimedia UK is the local Wikimedia chapter covering the United Kingdom. The chapter is incorporated under the name "*Wiki UK Limited*" and uses *Wikimedia UK* as its operating name. We were approved as a chapter by the Wikimedia Foundation on 12 January 2009.

Wikimedia UK is a separate organization from the Wikimedia Foundation, and has no control over the contents of Wikipedia or any other projects run by the Wikimedia Foundation. We exist to help collect, develop and distribute freely licensed knowledge (and other educational, cultural and historic content), which we do by supporting the charitable activities of the Wikimedia Foundation.

Open decisions

As an organisation promoting open knowledge, we also want to be leaders in transparency regarding our decision making:

- Our constitution puts decision making in the hands of members wherever possible
- We seek the widest possible membership base
- We are led by a seven person Board of Trustees, elected by the members at the AGM

Join the chapter

Do you want to help support the chapter, and help share the world's knowledge with everyone, everywhere? **Please become a member**! Membership is open to all; there are no restrictions in the location or age of members, and members do not need to be editors of any of the Wikimedia Foundation projects. Membership costs just £12 per year (£6 for concessions). Members have the right to elect the Board, submit motions to and vote at AGMs, thereby playing a central role in determining the activities of the chapter.

Support us

We run several initiatives, including:

- Wikipedia Loves Art - generated over 11,000 free-content photographs in February 2009, which are currently being processed.
- We responded to a Copyright law consultation paper from the UK Intellectual Property Office in February 2009, and are expecting a follow up discussion paper in the autumn.

What would you like to see the Chapter do and support? Do you have an idea for an initiative that you'd like to see happen? Are you able to volunteer your time to help with an initiative? **Please let us know**, or

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