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IRUS-UK

Institutional Repositories Usage Statistics in UK (IRUS-UK)

IRUS-UK collects raw usage data from UK Institutional Repositories (IRs) and processes these data into COUNTER-compliant statistics. This provides repositories with comparable, authoritative, standards-based data and opportunities for profiling at a national level. IRUS-UK is a community-driven development, responding to user needs.

New helpdesk

Please be advised that the email address for contacting the IRUS-UK team has now changed to irus@jisc.ac.uk and we are using a new helpdesk system to manage our enquiries.

Please send any future IRUS-UK enquiries or feedback to this new support email address.

The old email address will be redirected for a transition period but please make a note of the new address for all future correspondence.

Please can we also take this opportunity to say that emails sent directly to team members may take longer to be dealt with than those sent to the central address. This central address allows all of the team to access messages so your queries will be dealt with by the appropriate individual and in a timely fashion.

COAR and IRUS-UK

COAR (Confederation of Open Access Repositories) has just launched a draft 'Resource Type' Vocabulary for Open Access Repositories as part of the COAR Interest Group's work on developing a series of controlled vocabularies for OA repositories. News item: http://bit.ly/1T0EFiz

IRUS-UK is well represented in the COAR Interest Group "Controlled Vocabularies for Repository Assets" working party.

The draft version is available for comment by the broader community and COAR invites you to provide feedback on the definition and the vocabulary terms. All comments can be posted on the COAR website for consideration. The period for input will be two months from August 1 to October 1, 2015. The Resource Type Vocabulary Draft v.1.0 (July 2015) is available to read and for comment here: http://bit.ly/1M3nAEl

Welcome to four new participants

We would like to welcome our latest participating institutional repositories, meaning we currently have 87 institutional repositories representing 60% of eligible repositories:

London Met Repository

Keele Research Repository

CREST Repository

University of Gloucestershire Research Repository

Out and about

The IRUS-UK team have attended a number of events in the last few months and links to these presentations will soon be available via the website. These include:

- **NASIG conference** in Washington, DC where Ross MacIntyre presented 'IRUS-UK: Improving understanding of the value and impact of institutional repositories'
- **OR2015 conference** where Jo Lambert presented 'How much?': Aggregating usage data from Repositories in the UK. She gave an overview of IRUS-UK, examples of how it is being used, screenshots of some of the available reports, and quotes from some of our users. View here PDF, Powerpoint 2010
- **CILIP Conference 2015** where IRUS-UK featured as part of Jo Alcock's masterclass session on 'Demonstrating value using usage statistics'. This included examples of how IRUS-UK is being used in some of our users' institutions with some quotes and examples from recent webinars.
- **Northumbria Conference** on Performance Measurement in Library and Information Services where Jo Alcock gave an overview of IRUS-UK, screenshots of the main reports, examples of how IRUS-UK is being used, and lessons learned and future priorities.
- **Repository Fringe 2015** where Jo Alcock gave a brief overview of IRUS-UK and an update on some of the newer developments and future priorities.

Upcoming event: **ELPUB 2016** http://www.easyconferences.eu/elpub2015/ the 19th International Conference on Electronic Publishing. This is being held in Malta, September 1st-3rd. Ross MacIntyre is delivering @Measuring the usage of repositories via a national standards-based aggregation service: IRUS-UK' as part of a session on open access and open science.
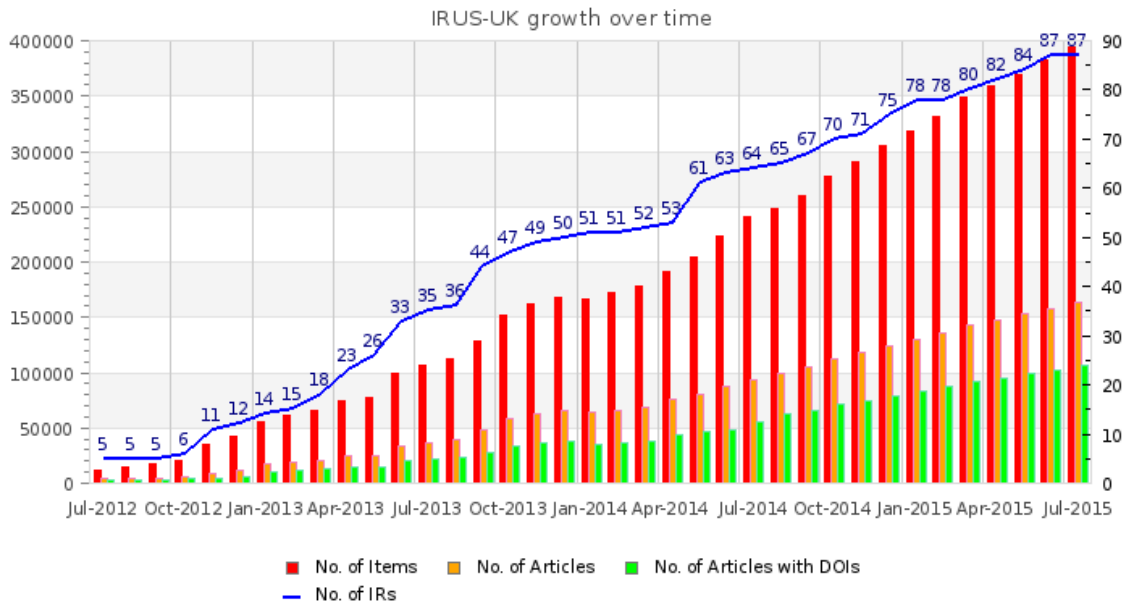
How IRUS-UK can be used

'IRUS-UK in Practice' webinar in May

Users from three of our institutional repositories illustrated some of the ways they use IRUS-UK. These covered using repository download reports from IRUS-UK to demonstrate usage statistics to management and the institution's committee on research excellence; broadcasting via an OA repository newsletter to raise awareness and highlight most downloaded articles and theses etc. within their institution; and by showing repository rankings, benchmarking of content policies and by aiding in data cleansing via our DOI Duplicates Report 1 (DD1).

We are very grateful to Alison Sutton, University of Reading; Amy Staniforth, Aberystwyth University; and Chris Biggs, Open University for sharing their experiences and showing a variety of ways in which IRUS-UK data is regularly being used.

Download the presentation: PDF, PowerPoint 2010. Hear the webinar: "IRUS-UK: An introduction" (MP3) or watch the video: "IRUS-UK: An introduction" (MOV).

IRUS-UK growth over time

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Legend:
- No. of Items (red)
- No. of Articles (orange)
- No. of Articles with DOIs (green)
- No. of IRs (blue line)

X-axis: Jul-2012, Oct-2012, Jan-2013, Apr-2013, Jul-2013, Oct-2013, Jan-2014, Apr-2014, Jul-2014, Oct-2014, Jan-2015, Apr-2015, Jul-2015

No. of IRs values: 5, 5, 5, 6, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18, 23, 26, 33, 35, 36, 44, 47, 49, 50, 51, 51, 52, 53, 61, 63, 64, 65, 67, 70, 71, 75, 78, 78, 80, 82, 84, 87, 87

Project Honey Pot

Project Honey Pot is a free, distributed, web-based, open source system for identifying the IP addresses of spammers and spambots. IRUS-UK is participating in Project Honey Pot and has contributed to the project by identifying a previously unknown email harvester. We recommend that our users also participate. Further information can be found on the Project website (http://www.projecthoneypot.org/index.php).

Contact Us

You can keep up-to-date with developments by visiting our website www.irus.mimas.ac.uk

We welcome your views on your experience of using the website and portal.

Please get in touch if you have comments, questions or ideas for future developments.

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