

IRUS-UK

Webinars

We will be running an 'Introduction to IRUS-UK' webinar on the 18th March at 2:00pm.

Our latest IRUS-UK webinar is aimed at both new and potential participants and will provide an introduction to IRUS-UK and the data it provides.

The webinar will include an overview of IRUS-UK; what it aims to provide; how it was established; and how it continues to develop. There will also be a demonstration, which will explain how IRUS-UK filters data to improve its accuracy and show some of the different reports available within the online portal. We will also share some of the feedback we have had from IRUS-UK users and some of the ways they are currently using the data.

Registration is now open and you can register here:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/irus-uk-an-introduction-registration-15708174573>

We will also be running a webinar in May on 'Making the most of IRUS-UK'.

Tracker update

IRUS-UK started with an initial tracker protocol, which had been developed as an outcome of the PIRUS2 project. As the service has developed and in discussion with COUNTER auditors, we have realised that it would be useful for the tracker to transmit a couple of additional pieces of metadata. We have therefore drawn up an updated tracker specification resulting in updated EPrints plug-ins and DSpace patches.

Please could we remind EPrints' users of our request to update to the latest tracker by the end of February? Once the work on EPrints is completed then we will be contacting DSpace' users regarding updating their tracker.

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.

Welcome to eight new participants

We would like to welcome our latest participating institutional repositories, meaning we currently have 78 institutional repositories representing >50% of eligible repositories:

Data.uel

Edinburgh DataShare

ICR Publications Repository

Leeds Beckett University Repository

LJMU Research Online

ORBIT – Online Repository of Birkbeck Institutional Theses

Online Research @Cardiff - ORCA

WIRE (Wolverhampton Intellectual Repository and E-Theses)

Other news

Our Community Advisory Group (CAG) will be holding their 3rd meeting (but 1st face-to-face event) on 14th April at the offices in Manchester.

Out and about & publications

Munin Conference on Scholarly Publishing

Presentations from this conference held in Tromsø, November 2014 are now available to view. Ross MacIntyre's presentation "*IRUS-UK: Improving understanding of the value and impact of institutional repositories*". Download the presentation: [PDF](#) , [PowerPoint 2010](#). Watch the video via DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.7557/5.3238>

Jisc's Digifest

IRUS-UK will be presenting at Jisc's Digital Festival (Digifest) event on Tuesday 10th March. We'll be sharing how IRUS-UK can be used to help institutions understand more about the usage of the items in their institutional repositories. This will include an overview of IRUS-UK, highlighting some key reports, and sharing some examples of how IRUS-UK data can be used.

Find more details and register here <http://www.jisc.ac.uk/events/jisc-digital-festival-2015-09-mar-2015>

NASIG Conference 2015

Ross MacIntyre will be speaking at the 30th Annual (North American Serials Interest Group) NASIG Conference in Washington DC. May 27th – 30th 2015. His paper is titled 'IRUS-UK: Improving understanding of the value and impact of Institutional Repositories'.

CILIP Conference 2015

IRUS-UK will be featured as part of a usage statistics Masterclass session in the CILIP Conference in Liverpool on Friday 3rd July. One of the core themes for the conference is demonstrating value and the Masterclass will include examples of how IRUS-UK (and the journals usage statistics service, JUSP) can be used to collate usage statistics to demonstrate value.

Publication

The IRUS-UK team wrote an article for the National Acquisitions Group (NAG) 'Taking Stock'.

Alcock, J., Jones, H. and Reed, A., (2014). Over 1.5 million downloads per month – IRUS-UK measuring usage of UK institutional repositories. *Taking Stock*, 23, (2), Winter 2014/15. Viewable here and from our 'News' page: http://www.irus.mimas.ac.uk/news/IRUS-UK_TakingStock_NAG_Winter_2014-15.pdf

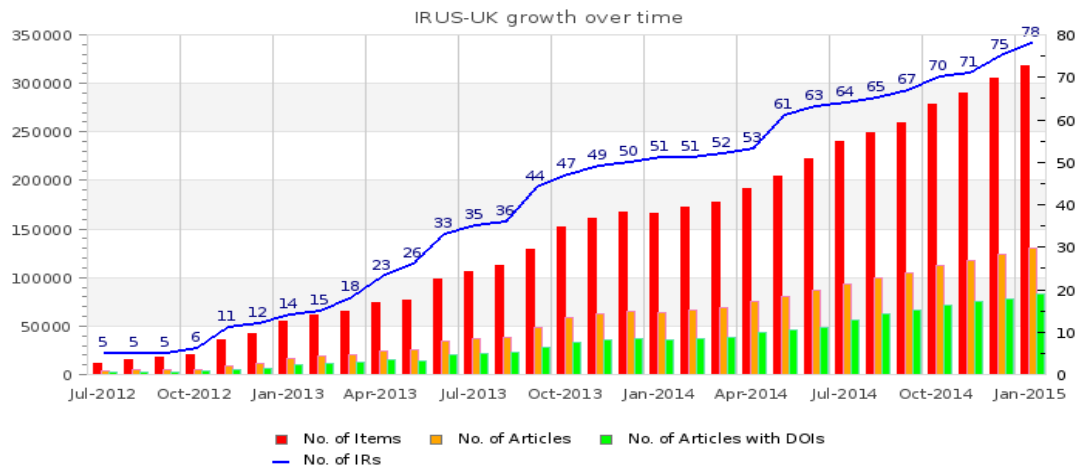
Portal update

We have a new report 'Article Report 4 [AR4]: Number of Successful Full-Text Article Requests by Month'. Within this you can select date ranges as well as optional filters by Journal (start typing in a few letters of a journal title) and/or by Repository.

When you use the search function in the IRUS-UK portal, to search for words or phrases in the title or author, you will see that your search parameters are now included in the URL on the results page so that you can bookmark that URL and rerun the same search at a later date.

It was agreed by our Community Advisory Group (CAG) that they were happy in principle to see raw usage data from the IRUS-UK portal made publicly available with some provisos. The IRUS-UK team will be working with the CAG to look at the circumstances in which this can occur.

IRUS-UK growth over time



IRUS-UK collaborations

DUL

The 1st meeting of 'Distributed Usage Logging' (DUL) Group took place on the 15th January with representatives from Elsevier, CrossRef, EBSCO, Informa, Springer, APA, de Gruyter, Digital Science, Nature, PLOS, COUNTER, Birmingham University and IRUS-UK. The aims include defining a way for DOIs to advertise endpoints to which event data may be submitted.

OpenAIRE

IRUS-UK is working as one of 50 partners of OpenAIRE and recently took part in an OpenAIRE2020 technical meeting on the 29th January. OpenAIRE is entering a new phase taking serious measures towards open access to all research outcomes across Europe. The initial focus of this phase will be on 'aligning policies and standards'.

COAR IG-Usage Data Group

IRUS-UK will be participating in a COAR IG-Usage Data Group webinar (February/March) on "Usage Data for Repositories". We will be specifically giving a description of IRUS-UK, an update on its status and a 'look inside' opportunity.

Survey

We are interested to understand your views on IRUS-UK, and hear any comments or suggestions for improvement. IRUS-UK development is driven by community needs, so we will use the information from this survey to feed into discussions about further enhancements to the service.

The survey should take no more than 15 minutes and is available until 31st March 2015 at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/irusuk2015>

The survey includes sections on:

- Use of repository statistics
- Value of IRUS-UK
- Challenges and barriers
- Benchmarking
- Usability
- Guidance/support
- Overall satisfaction
- Other comments

We are offering entry into a prize draw to win a £50 Amazon voucher to all who complete the survey. Details of how to enter are at the end of the survey. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact ebase@bcu.ac.uk

Use cases

Our series of five use cases represent some of the ways our participating repositories are currently using IRUS-UK data: Providing standards-based reliable repository statistics; Reporting to institutional managers; Reporting to researchers; Benchmarking; and Supporting advocacy. These are all now available to view as part of our 'Support Materials' in the 'Help' section of our website:

<http://www.irus.mimas.ac.uk/help/support/>

IRUS-CORE

Jisc have awarded discretionary funding to exploit IRUS-UK technology for CORE, the aggregation service for Open Access (OA) repository content. The IRUS-CORE service will provide a single gateway for CORE to access COUNTER-conformant statistics relating to usage events recorded within their repository. CORE is global in scale, but includes material harvested from UK IRs. Its usage data will contribute to the aggregate totals presented in IRUS-UK. The specific objectives are to:

- Collect raw usage data (downloads) from CORE for all items within CORE
- Process those raw data into COUNTER-compliant statistics
- Make those statistics available to CORE for their own use and to share with other relevant organisations
- Facilitate aggregation of CORE statistics with IRUS-UK statistics for UK repositories
- Contribute to various ongoing initiative relating to OA

Work will take place between January and July 2015.

Project Honey Pot

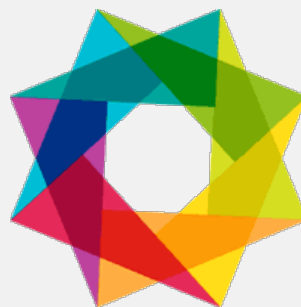
Project Honey Pot is a free, distributed, web-based, open source system for identifying the IP addresses of spammers and spambots. IRUS-UK is participating in Project Honey Pot and has contributed to the project by identifying a previously unknown email harvester. We recommend that our users also participate. 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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