



# IRUS-UK

## Webinars in 2018

### May

1<sup>st</sup> of May – we held a webinar ‘**IRUS-UK: an introduction**’.

This was primarily for people who are new to IRUS-UK and repositories that are new to participating. It gave a brief introduction, an overview of the portal, the available reports and how to run them. If you couldn't attend the its is available from our website: <http://irus.mimas.ac.uk/activities/webinars/>.

Download the presentation: [PDF](#), [PowerPoint](#)

Watch the video: [“IRUS-UK service: an introduction” \(mp4\)](#)

### June

We are holding another one in June. It is free and ready to book now.

5<sup>th</sup> of June – ‘IRUS-UK and exposing ORCID iDs’ will show the latest views and searches available to uniquely identify researchers and authors.

<https://www.eventsforce.net/jiscevents/290/register>

### Later

We have another planned, but just need to schedule, ‘IRUS-UK: the technical aspects’ will cover how we gather raw data, process them and convert into usage statistics.

## 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 three new participants

We would like to welcome our latest participating institutional repositories, meaning we currently have 141 institutional repositories representing >92% of eligible repositories:

**Manchester Research Explorer (The University of Manchester)**

**Repository@Hull (University of Hull)**

**Oxford University Research Archive: ORA (University of Oxford)**

These include 1 more repository using Pure portal, 1 more using Fedora and 1 using Worktribe.

This is the 1<sup>st</sup> time we have supported Worktribe so we welcome any other repository using it to participate

## GDPR compliance

In compliance with GDPR we have updated our privacy policy.

The policy explains how we manage your participation in the IRUS-UK service and why we need primary contacts for our participants, with a link to the Jisc website privacy notices, as well as a link to the Jiscmail service policy.

We have also added information about our data processing and retention period.

All these can be found on our 'Privacy and Cookies' page at the bottom of our website. Here is the link:

<http://irus.mimas.ac.uk/privacy/>.

## Platforms and versions we support

We support DSpace, EPrints, Pure portal, Fedora and Worktribe and we are working with other platforms. We also have one bespoke internal platform.

**DSpace:** we have tracker patches, developed by @mire, for versions 4.x, 5.x and 6.x.

**EPrints:** we have tracker plug-ins, developed by EPrints Services, for 3.2.x and 3.3.x. These are available from the EPrints Bazaar: <https://github.com/eprintsug/irus>

**Pure portal:** Elsevier have added IRUS tracker functionality to their Pure portal platform, if you have version 5.6.3 or greater.

**Fedora:** we have a couple of repositories using this platform

**Worktribe:** we have recently worked with this platform and have one repository using it but there is at least one other who would now be able to participate

We are always looking at improving the service so if you have a repository and would like to participate then please get in touch with us [help@jisc.ac.uk](mailto:help@jisc.ac.uk). We would really appreciate it if you could mention IRUS or IRUS-UK in the title or body of the email.

## Annual survey report 2018

The 2018 IRUS-UK Community Survey ran from January to March. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the survey and tell us their feedback. We find this very useful. Here are some of the key statistics:

- 85% of respondents were “very” or “fairly” satisfied with IRUS-UK
- 79% of respondents felt IRUS-UK has improved their statistical reporting
- 63% of respondents consider that IRUS-UK has enabled reporting that they could not do previously
- 60% of respondents use IRUS-UK for identifying trends and patterns

This year, participants were asked about the general barriers that they face when collecting repository statistics, and the way that IRUS could help with this task. Common barriers reported are:

- Unreliability of repository platform statistics
- Need to provide and report more granular statistics
- Issues surrounding the use of statistics without context

Many participants stated that IRUS-UK is already helping to overcome these barriers by providing:

- Reliable and authoritative statistics and comparable data
- High quality support
- Easy to use system

When asked if they would recommend IRUS-UK to a colleague, the majority of respondents said that they would.

Some useful suggestions for the development of IRUS-UK were made, including:

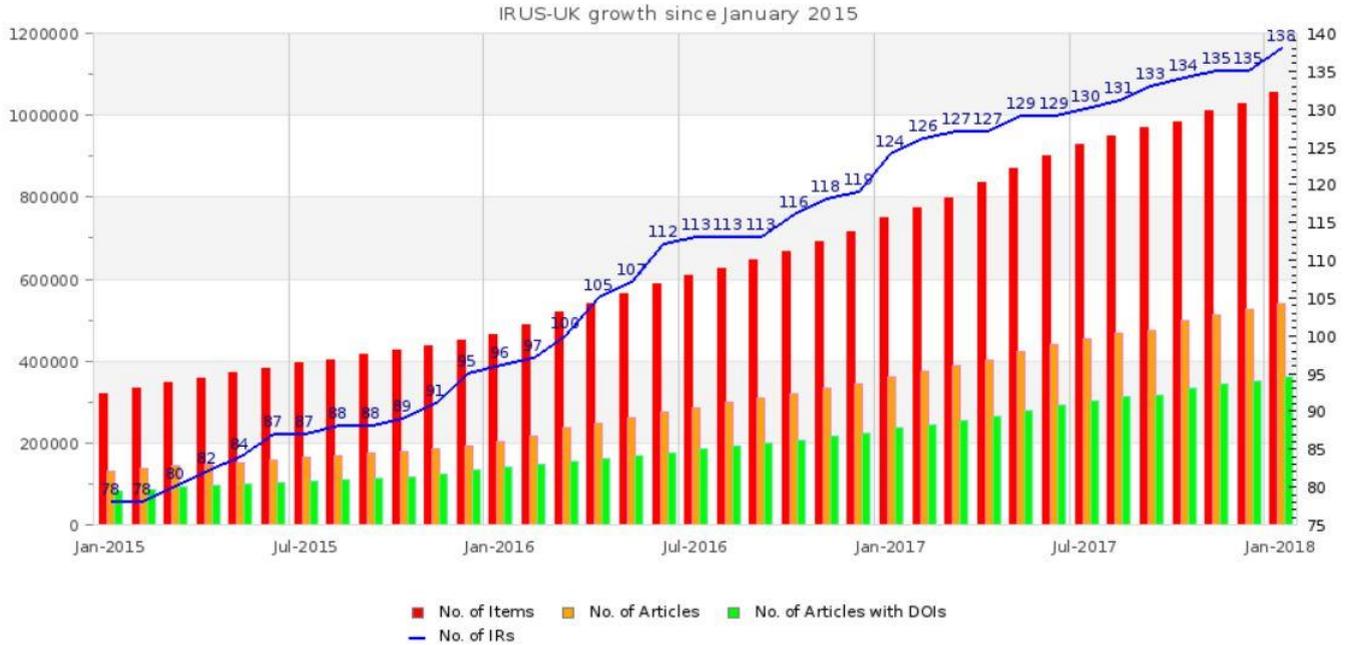
- Data visualisations with enhanced features
- Additional reports with increased options

The IRUS-UK team are currently working on how and when these things can be added to IRUS UK. For the report, follow this link:

[http://irus.mimas.ac.uk/documents/IRUS-UK\\_Annual\\_Community\\_Survey\\_March\\_2018.pdf](http://irus.mimas.ac.uk/documents/IRUS-UK_Annual_Community_Survey_March_2018.pdf)

If you have any other suggestions or want to contact the team, then email [help@jisc.ac.uk](mailto:help@jisc.ac.uk)

### IRUS-UK growth over time



### 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 service developments by visiting our website [www.irus.mimas.ac.uk](http://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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