



IRUS-UK

Website – new look

We have listened to our survey respondents and users who, although they have been surprised about how much useful information was there, remarked that it was hidden. We have now updated our website to try and make its content more visible as well as showing more clearly where you are within the site. <http://www.irus.mimas.ac.uk/>

There are now dropdown menus within 'About', 'Support' and 'Activities' showing the range of information we provide as well as well as direct links to the Portal and the running of reports. We will continue to make improvements and add new reports etc. based on the wishes of our community.

As always, we welcome your valuable feedback so do contact us if there is something else you would like to see or changes we can make: help@jisc.ac.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.

Welcome to seven new participants

We would like to welcome our latest participating institutional repositories, meaning we currently have 132 institutional repositories representing 88% of eligible institutional repositories:

Buckingham E-Archive of Research (BEAR)

Newcastle University Library ePrints Service

Royal Holloway Research Online

Abertay Research Portal

Coventry University's Research Portal

University of Strathclyde's KnowledgeBase

RVC Research Online

These include 4 Pure portal platforms; 2 EPrints and 1 in-house. The University of Strathclyde's KnowledgeBase joins Strathclyde Prints making this our 1st institution with both EPrints and Pure portal platforms participating.

New helpdesk address for Jisc Services

Jisc has introduced a new centralised help desk for many of its services with a single point of contact: help@jisc.ac.uk. This helpdesk is staffed by a dedicated team who will route queries through to individual services for the appropriate service team to deal with in the usual way. As of 1st October, IRUS-UK is using this new email address for enquiries and all emails sent to irus@jisc.ac.uk will be redirected there. To help with efficient routing on to us, we would encourage you to mention IRUS-UK or IRUS in the subject line or body of your email.

We would like to assure you that all enquiries about IRUS-UK will continue to be answered directly and promptly by the IRUS-UK team and you will continue to receive our full support as usual.

OA week: Blog and new daily reports

A request came from one of our repositories, asking if it would be possible to provide daily stats as well as monthly ones. The two, brand new daily reports, **Item Report 1 Daily (IR1D)** and **Repository Report 1 Daily (RR1D)**, are now available in the portal and descriptions of them are available on the website in our Support section – Statistics and Reports:

<http://irus.mimas.ac.uk/support/statsreports/>. Because our daily logs are so large we have chosen to make these daily reports available for a rolling six-week period so that you can view the results on a monthly basis, should you require, and have the first two weeks in the month to view the whole of the previous calendar month.

One of our team, Hilary Jones, has written a blog post, prior to OA week:

“Measuring the impact of OA week: IRUS-UK’s new daily usage stats”. Blog post

http://irus.mimas.ac.uk/documents/IRUS_SC_OA_Week_Blog_V2.pdf. View this to get more information about the daily reports along with images explaining what data you can view and how you can order the results.

Top Downloads Report and enhanced search facility for DOIs and ORCIDs

We have just launched another new report. It is an addition to our range of Statistics Reports: ‘**Top Downloads Report**’. It is now available in the portal and a description of it is available on the website in our Support section – Statistics and Reports:

<http://irus.mimas.ac.uk/support/statsreports/>.

This report provides the top 10 or 20 item download requests by month and repository identifier for a selected repository. For each item, it shows the item URL, title, author(s), item type and total downloads by month and in total for the period selected. The report can also be filtered to limit the results to a selected item type.

We have enhanced our search options too. In the portal you can now click on ‘More search options’, just under the Search box, and then you can search by Title/Author; DOIs; and/or by ORCIDs across all repositories or one repository and across all or one item type.

CARL and COAR webinar

One of our team, Paul Needham, recently co-presented with Kenning Arlitsch, Dean of Montana State University Library, a webinar on “Two Approaches for Accurately Counting IR usage: Repository Analytics and Metrics Portal (RAMP) and IRUS-UK”.

Download the recording: <http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1001976> (Zenodo)

Arlitsch, Kenning. (2017, October). RAMP: Repository Analytics & Metrics Portal: Accurately measuring citable content downloads from institutional repositories.

Download the RAMP presentation: <http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1001933> (Zenodo)

Needham, Paul. (2017, October). IRUS-UK: Standardised institutional repository usage statistics.

Download the IRUS-UK presentation: <http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1001973> (Zenodo)

IRUS-ANZ and IRUS-USA

The IRUS team is currently collaborating with the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) and the Digital Library Federation (DLF) in the United States, and with CAVAL in Australia and New Zealand. Two pilot developments underway, known as IRUS-USA and IRUS-ANZ, are replicating the approach taken in the UK to explore opportunities for international analysis, comparison and benchmarking in order to demonstrate the impact of Open Access. This development is aiming to foster an international community of practice, to support use and provision of open metrics for open science.

Annual survey report 2017

The 2017 IRUS-UK Community Survey ran from January to March. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the survey and gave some useful feedback. Here are some of the key statistics:

- 93% of respondents were “very” or “fairly” satisfied with IRUS-UK
- 84% of respondents felt IRUS-UK has improved their statistical reporting
- 67% of respondents consider that IRUS-UK has enabled reporting that they could not do previously
- 33% of respondents use IRUS-UK for benchmarking

When asked to consider the best thing about IRUS-UK the responses covered the following themes:

- Reliable/authoritative statistics
- Reporting
- Easy to use/access
- Comparing data
- Specific features of IRUS-UK

When asked if they would recommend IRUS-UK to a colleague, all respondents said that they would. Some very useful suggestions for the development of IRUS-UK were made, including:

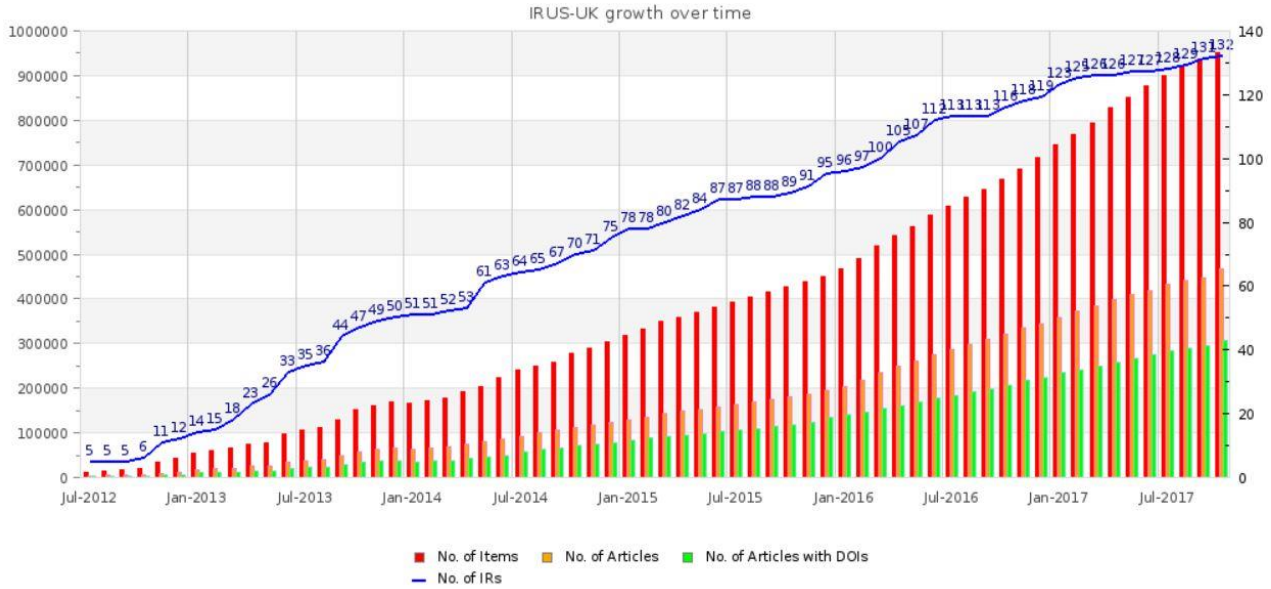
- Data visualisations
- More case-studies
- Making IRUS-UK mobile friendly
- Bite size videos about the use of reports

The IRUS-UK team are currently working on how and when these things can be added to IRUS UK. For the full report, follow this link: http://irus.mimas.ac.uk/news/IRUS-UK_2017_Annual_Community_Survey_Report.pdf

If you have any other suggestions or want to contact the team, then email help@jisc.ac.uk

We will be sending out our next community survey during early 2018 so do participate. As a community-driven service we would love to hear from you and be able to put more ideas into production during 2018.

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

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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