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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.

IRUS-UK case studies

In response to requests in the IRUS-UK annual survey and via our Community Advisory Group, we're currently working on developing case studies of how institutions are using IRUS-UK. The first one of these, focusing on how IRUS-UK statistics are being used at Imperial College London to feed into an Open Access Infographic, is now live at:
http://www.irus.mimas.ac.uk/help/support/ImperialCollegeLondonOAInfographic.pdf

In the above study three IRUS-UK reports were used: Repository Statistics; Item Report 2 (IR2); and Article Report 4 (AR4).

We'd love to collect more case studies – if you're currently using the IRUS-UK statistics in your institution and are willing to share how you use them, please contact irus@jisc.ac.uk and we'll arrange to discuss it with you. It should only take a short phone call; we'll then write up the case study.

Community Advisory Group

As part of the continuing work to ensure that the IRUS-UK service is developed to meet the needs of its user community the CAG provides input on the ongoing development of IRUS-UK; provides recommendations on various aspects of the service development; and reviews and comments on service enhancements and priorities. It complements the excellent feedback we already get from our active user community and is not in any way intended to replace it.

Our CAG held its latest conference call on the 10th November. The CAG has its own email list for discussion at any time and 'meets' twice a year with the IRUS-UK team. These are done once via conference call, around November time and once via a face-to-face meeting in April/May time.

Are you interested in being a member of the IRUS-UK CAG? If you would like to be a representative then please contact Hilary Jones hilary.jones@jisc.ac.uk or contact our helpdesk irus@jisc.ac.uk

Welcome to four new participants

We would like to welcome our latest participating institutional repositories, meaning we currently have 91 institutional repositories representing >60% of eligible repositories:

Manchester Metropolitan University Research Repository (espace)

UAL - Research Online University of the Arts London

Nottingham Trent University – IRep

UWL Repository

Out and about

The IRUS-UK team have attended a number of events in the last few months, and resources from these are now available via the website. These include:

- **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. Presentation available at: PDF, PowerPoint 2010

- **11th Northumbria International Conference** on Performance Measurement in Library and Information Services. 'IRUS-UK: enabling institutions to quantify usage of open access research' was 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. Presentation available at: PDF, PowerPoint 2010

- **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. Presentation available at: PDF

- **ELPUB 2016** the 19th International Conference on Electronic Publishing. This was held in Malta, September 1st-3rd. Ross MacIntyre delivered '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. Paper available at: PDF

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.