



Integrated Research Information System (IRIS)

Fortnightly Senior Management Update

Highlight Summary

Testing is progressing well and rollout of IRIS publications should commence soon

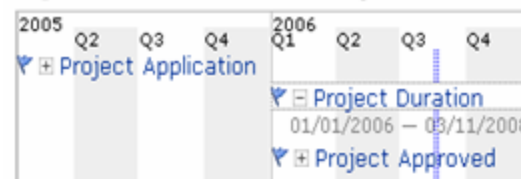
The project team are in the process of finalising testing of the IRIS publications system. The required software release was delivered to us on 6th November, and has been used for the training/awareness sessions held over the last two weeks. The publications manual and help text are being updated to reflect the functionality delivered in the latest version of the software. Subject to satisfactory testing of the software and of the production system environment (hopefully next week) then as soon as the Staff Portal is launched IRIS will become available for publications entry.

Grant and Research Projects viewable on the web

- The core data for all MQ grants that were stored on the PROMIS system are now loaded into the IRIS system – in IRIS these are now known as projects (the grant being how the project is funded)
- The IRIS team are now finalising the load of supplementary data
- Testing of the system has identified some changes to the configuration of the package, and to status codes and categorisations; this testing will continue for the next 2-3 weeks to finalise the data and system configuration, and also to apply data updates made to PROMIS since the data was extracted for conversion
- Once we are satisfied with the data quality and the security settings, researchers will be able to view their project details on the web
- From the new year the system will automatically generate email reminders for key dates such as progress reports being due

Key Dates

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Feedback on system usage

- The IRIS Reference Group agreed at its last meeting that it should be reformed as a user group for the coming year
- The forum will be in two parts – one focusing on usability, the other on management matters
- We strongly encourage feedback to the IRIS team on any usability issues encountered
- The IRIS website will contain a list of any known issues along with any proposals for addressing them

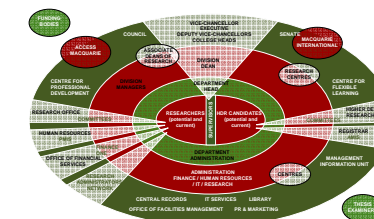
For Your Attention

- All divisional deans will shortly receive a proposed list of the managers and administrators whom will be given access to departmental or divisional data – for amendment and approval
- In February training will begin for administrators on how to verify and approve submitted publications ahead of the 2006 publications audit

In the Next Update

In the last update for 2006 I will summarise what has been delivered so far, and what you can expect to see in 2007.

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Communications

Last Fortnight

- Eight awareness/training sessions
- Staff News article

Next Fortnight

- All staff and HDR student emails once system is available
- IRIS website redesigned to reflect production status

More Details

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