Integrated Research Information System (IRIS)
Fortnightly Senior Management Update

Highlight **Validation of the historical publications data loaded into IRIS has commenced.**

Summary Sessions have been setup next week for those of you who have expressed a willingness assist in validating our publications data conversion and load. Web access to our training system will be available for those individuals for the next two weeks, prior to loading of the data into the production system and subsequent full rollout of web access. Once in production, although DEST audited publications cannot easily be amended, if errors are identified in any of the data we will ensure that corrections are made. Please do be assured that the current validation exercise is not the only opportunity to verify and correct publications.

The IRIS team are investigating options for citations/impact measures

With the prospect of RQF and other reporting and benchmarking of research activity, there has been much discussion about the availability of citation and impact data, and about its relevance. There is much debate regarding the fact that for many disciplines citations are not a good measure of impact, that the half life of citations can vary greatly between disciplines and that other measures of peer esteem may be more appropriate.

The IRIS team are not aiming to facilitate or to fuel this debate, however we are investigating what options we have for capturing and reporting on measures that are available. Understanding what is feasible will inevitably form a part of the debate.

In addition to tracking initiatives by the software supplier, we are talking to other customers about their experiences. Next week we meet with another Sydney based university who upload Web of Science citations data once a year to hear about their experiences.

In parallel, we are ensuring that we will have the capability to capture other measures of peer esteem, such as memberships of editorial boards, parliamentary submissions and appointments to learned societies.

Further information about IRIS

We have extensive information about the IRIS project, including a FAQ section and news updates, at: http://www.research.mq.edu.au/researchers/iris

For Your Attention

- Historical publications data validation now underway
- Web access to publications data will be rolled out late October
- Awareness and training sessions will be held during the second half of October
- User IDs and passwords for IRIS will be the same as used for the Staff Portal (to be launched soon)
- An announcement will be made soon about how the new IRIS system will support the 2007 publications audit (of 2006 publications)

In the Next Update

We will detail the awareness and training sessions to accompany the rollout of publications web access.

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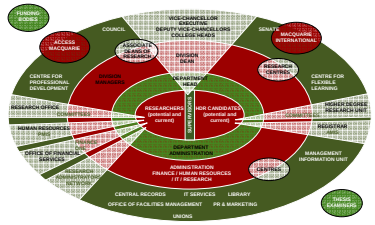

Communications

Last Fortnight

- Reference Group meeting
- Organisation of publications validation sessions
- Meetings with various departments

Next Fortnight

- Staff news article
- All-staff email in preparation for publications roll-out
- Various other stakeholder meetings

More Details

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