Integrated Research Information System (IRIS)
Fortnightly Senior Management Update

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Highlight Summary

In one months time IRIS publications will be rolled out on the web for viewing and updating.

The IRIS team are on track and will hit their next milestone on time: the Research Office will be reporting on six years of MQ publications history out of the new IRIS database from Tuesday of next week. The next milestone will be to roll out web access to researchers and HDR students at the beginning of November. The IRIS team will hold awareness and training sessions beginning in November. Dates for these will be published in a couple of weeks time (the exact date for commencing rollout is dependent upon the delivery of an updated version of the software package, and upon satisfactory testing).

Self-service Web-based Facilities

- Researchers and HDR Students can review and update publications and other outputs
- 'My Résumé' facility to generate and store multiple versions of cv based on recorded outputs and activity – by December current and historical grants activity will be added into IRIS
- Ability to cut-and-paste into other PC/MAC software
- The IRIS team can provide you with any of the pubs data in electronic format if you require

Data Quality

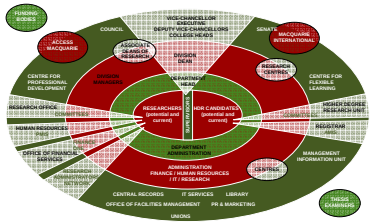
The IRIS team have taken a lot of time and care in converting, cleaning and loading some 35,000 records, including 2,400 staff and student identifiers, from 36 sperate legacy databases. There may be some remaining cases where we have missed duplicate records or where there is incorrect data, e.g. where a member of academic staff had previously published as an MQ student. In such cases the staff member might not see their student publications. We will ask that all staff do check their records once IRIS is available, and we can then fix any remaining data issues that are notified to us.

For Your Attention

- It is intended that researchers can use the system without training, however training will be available
- The usability of the system will be improved over time based on feedback from researchers (being a package we have limited influence on this in the short term)
- Currently we are aiming to make the system available to all staff during the first week of November (subject to dependencies mentioned in the Summary)

In the Next Update

I will provide an update on progress and deliverables over the next three months.



Communications

Last Fortnight

- Briefings for researchers and research administrators who volunteered to assist with testing
- Meeting with UTS (RM customer)

Next Fortnight

- Notification of dates for awareness/training sessions
- Staff news article
- Various other stakeholder meetings

More Details

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