Research Publications Service update

Brief description of the paper
One of a monthly series of updates about the progress of the Research Publications Service.

Action requested
For Information

Resource implications
None

Risk Assessment
None

Equality and Diversity
Does the paper have equality and diversity implications? No

Freedom of Information
Can this paper be included in open business? Yes

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1. Overview

This monthly report is being distributed to the Research Policy Group, The RPS Steering Group, College and School research administrators, and appropriate contacts in IS, GaSP and ERI. If you wish to suggest contacts to add to the distribution list, please contact james.toon@ed.ac.uk

2. Service status update

a.) PURE Implementation

Work is now underway on the initial planning aspects of the PURE implementation. The Research Publications Service is represented on the PURE project team via James Toon and Morag Watson (Digital Library Development Manager).

The RPS team have been working closely with the project team in Applications Division/GaSP in order to define in detail the PR system processes, and to map out the user roles. This is part of a preliminary phase of the project designed to ensure that all originally stated requirements have been clarified before proceeding.

The project will also seek to meet with a number of RPS users over the next 4 weeks to discuss operational issues with the current PR, and identify areas for improvement in the workflow and processes within the PURE system

The formal kick off workshop for the PURE implementation project with Atira, the system supplier, is scheduled for early March.

b.) Metadata deposit in the Edinburgh Research Archive (ERA)

We have a development request in the process of being implemented in the PR that will facilitate the transfer of metadata from the PR system in ERA. Once this has been completed and tested, then we will begin the process of transferring data.

c.) Development of metadata template for deposit

The RPS team is establishing a metadata ‘standards’ template for use by academic staff and administrators across the colleges – the template will be based on similar work carried out for the RAE2008. At present, we are working through the templates to ensure that all the relevant data required is captured. These templates will be distributed through the Colleges for comparison against local data records. The RPS team will then work with College teams to establish the best way to acquire the data for inclusion into the PR.

d.) Thomson Incites data

Work is ongoing with Thomson on establishing the best route for the integration of their Incites data, as a means to increase the quantity and quality of Edinburgh publications records. Having sent a sample extract of data from the PR, we have now received first set of sample data back from Thomson. This data is basically the sample data we sent them, but returned to us with the metadata
enhanced from the Thomson system. We are now considering how best to integrate this ‘enhanced’ metadata back into the PR.

In addition to this, we will also be receiving a set of metadata from Thomson where the Incites data has been identified as belonging to Edinburgh, but has not been matched to any particular researcher name. We will have to unpick this data and manually match it against our researcher records, prior to integration into the PR.

3. Communications

The RPS team have met with a number of users since the last report, including meetings with a number of college committees and the USD consultancy team.

A communications plan is being assembled, to define expectations for meetings and updates for RPS progress, and particular in relation to the implementation of PURE. This plan will also form part of the PURE communications activity to ensure a consistent message is delivered.

You are reminded that the team can be contacted at rps-help@ed.ac.uk and has a set of web pages available on the IS Website, as part of the ‘Research Support’ section:

http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/information-services/services/research-support/research-publications

4. Statistics/Usage

Deposit Statistics

Following changes to the ERA and PR systems, and following on from comments from the RPS steering group, we are now looking at alternative approaches to reporting on progress within the team. However the following data has been recorded in the 2 weeks since the last report

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4000th Item in ERA

We are pleased to report that we processed our 4000 full text item milestone on the 26th January – a PhD thesis on ‘The Effects of sex steroids on spatial cognition in the zebra finch’

http://hdl.handle.net/1842/4688

ERA Statistics

As reported previously, the ERA upgrade has changed the way in which we can extract the usage data from the system. At present, this means we can only extract download and usage data on a per item basis, and are unable to aggregate this data together to provide statistics for the entire repository. Changes are proposed to improve access to this data.
Service Statistics

All calls and requests for assistance from the RPS team are now being processed through the University helpdesk system. Since the last report, the team have processed 19 calls of which 7 are still open.

System development & Support

a.) Publications Repository;
Changes to fix defect in publications list functionality as identified by the School of Informatics: Now resolved, but awaiting release date onto live service.
Changes to system to allow for extract of data for data cleansing activity: In development.

b.) Edinburgh Research Archive;
We have now gained access to the statistics tables from the previous ERA version to allow us to respond to requests from authors for statistical data prior to Jan 2011.

If you have any questions or comments to make about this report, please send them to james.toon@ed.ac.uk

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