June 10th OR19 Workshop on Repository/CRIS Interoperability/Integration

Morning Session: Technical Challenges

Introduction

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Repository/CRIS interoperability: background

Repositories and CRIS: working smartly together.
Conference and Software Exhibition

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19th July 2011

Nottingham University Park Campus

Building on the successful event ‘Learning how to play nicely: Repositories and CRIS’ which was organised by the Welsh Repository Network in 2010, this event will look at the interaction of Repositories and CRIS (Current Research Information Systems). This event will also disseminate the findings of the RePOSIT project.

RSP has also invited leading suppliers of Repository and CRIS software who will be taking part in an exhibition which will be held throughout the day in the refreshments area.

http://www.rsp.ac.uk/events/repositories-and-cris-systems-working-smartly-together/

- Designed as a mechanism to get repositories populated
- Original workflow CRIS metadata records → repositories
CRISes and OARs

- CRISes and OARs developed substantially separately
- OARs primarily developed as discovery tools
  - Public facing
  - Generally populated via individual deposit
  - Development usually led by library staff
- CRISes mainly used as (data) management tools
  - Used within institutions, with little or no public interface
  - Often built to integrate with other systems to allow import of data
  - Most implementations led by institution’s research offices
- Considerable overlap in the data that is collected by each
Integration of CRISes and OARs

- Increasing realisation in institutions that there is benefit from streamlining OAR and CRIS development
- Several potential ways of doing this
- Can use a CRIS for gathering all research related information, including research output, and feed/link to repository
- Can expand repository to be able to cover a wider range of research related information
- Can use portal functionality of sophisticated CRIS systems to mimic repository functionality
“Several potential ways of doing this”: IR-as-a-CRIS

EPrints: a hybrid CRIS/repository


Record type: Conference or Workshop Item (Other)

Abstract

It is a truth universally acknowledged that a repository collects and manages research papers, data, reports, patents and software (curating many kinds of research outputs for immediate access and long-term preservation) but that it is just one of the systems that a CRIS has to interact with. Specialised research databases are used not only for research outputs, but for human resources, project management, finance, grant funding and research expertise. Repositories can therefore benefit from the extended data schema of CRIS systems, while CRIS systems can benefit from the user engagement model of repositories.
Eprints-based IR-as-a-CRIS model operating at eg the University of Glasgow Enlighten repository, [http://eprints.gla.ac.uk/](http://eprints.gla.ac.uk/)

Collection of additional info on funding sources requires connection to (interoperability with) project database

[http://eprints.gla.ac.uk/186403/](http://eprints.gla.ac.uk/186403/)
An early attempt at describing the CRIS/IR landscape (2014)

The Gradual Merging of Repository and CRIS Solutions to Meet Institutional Research Information Management Requirements ☆

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Interoperability
- CRIS and IR

Integration
- CRIS-as-IR
- IR-as-CRIS

Abstract

Much has been said in recent times about the alleged dichotomy between Institutional Repositories (IRs) and Current Research Information Systems (CRISs).
Elusive landscape to pin down due to swiftly evolving character, esp w/ widespread arrival of commercial CRISs to the UK in the wake of REF2014

CERIF CRIS use in UK HE

- Lots of CERIF CRIS procurement in last year - some are in early stages of implementation
- Pure (Atria) - 17
  - St Andrews, Aberdeen, York, Royal Holloway, Strathclyde, Hertfordshire, Lancaster, Aston, Institute of Education, London, Dundee, Heriot-Watt, Glasgow Caledonian, King's College London, Edinburgh, University of the Highlands and Islands, Bath, Queen's University Belfast
- CONVERIS (AVEDAS) - 5
  - Cranfield, Hull, Stirling, MRC Oxfordshire Regional Centre, Brighton
- Symplectic Elements (Symplectic)
  - eg Brunel, Imperial, Queen Mary, Leeds...

Research assessment exercises identified in the OCLC/euroCRIS survey as one of the main drivers for CRIS implementation worldwide
Commercial CRISs start trying to operate as repositories – which they were not originally designed to do

Sense of technologies, workflows and institutional units at odds with each other (while warnings were issued on the ‘false dichotomy’ between IRs and CRISs, http://www.ukcorr.org/2012/09/26/three-perennial-questions/)

IT’S IMPORTANT TO KEEP COLLECTING UP-TO-DATE SNAPSHOTs OF THIS SWIFTLY EVOLVING LANDSCAPE
## Morning session (9:00-12:30): Technical challenges in the way of repository/CRIS interoperability

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<td><strong>Repository and CRIS interoperability issues within a 'connector lite' environment</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Regional Research Portal UnityFVG: DSpace-CRIS interoperability with CERIF standard</strong></td>
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<td>(Jordan Piščanc, University of Trieste)</td>
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<td><strong>Time to REST: The University of Stirling's REST API based integration between Worktribe</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Supporting a repository platform-agnostic ecosystem: An introduction to the bi-directional</strong></td>
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<td>API-based repository integration framework used by Symplectic Elements clients across the</td>
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<td><strong>Enhancing interoperability: the implementation of OpenAIRE Guidelines and COAR NGR</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Recommendations in CRIS/RIMS</strong></td>
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<td><strong>A staged path to fully integrated CRIS &amp; Repository</strong></td>
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