

# Presentation proposal to the 2023 euroCRIS strategic partners meeting

## Proposal title:

“Connecting the dots”: a report from the US International Forum on Expert Finder Systems

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## Description:

The third “International Forum on Expert Finder Systems”<sup>1</sup> was held in Miami, Florida, USA on 5-6 April 2023. It was planned by a group of volunteers from universities, research institutes, and the service providers and had more than 100 attendees.

In this presentation, I will provide an update on:

1. The event itself, with an overview of the program highlights and keynote speakers. In addition, I will share information about the forthcoming repository where past presentations (both in slide and videorecording format) will be maintained.
2. Efforts to create a North American community of practice around research information management.
3. Plans for future events and activities.

I will situate this presentation about the event within the broader observations about the development of research information management practices in the US.<sup>2</sup> While public profiles for expertise discovery and reputation management remains a top use case, we’re seeing increasing use of RIM systems for other uses (and making them more congruent with European practices), including reporting and metadata reuse. Compliance monitoring is a lagging use case, but one I expect to grow, as the US government’s Nelson Memo “Ensuring Free, Immediate, and Equitable Access to Federally Funded Research”<sup>3</sup> mandates improved public access to federally funded research.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://expertfindersystems.org/>

<sup>2</sup> Bryant, Rebecca, Jan Fransen, Pablo de Castro, Brenna Helmstutler, and David Scherer. 2021. *Research Information Management in the United States: Part 1—Findings and Recommendations*. Dublin, OH: OCLC Research. <https://doi.org/10.25333/8hgy-s428>.

<sup>3</sup> Dr. Alondra Nelson, Executive Office of the President, Office of Science and Technology Policy, “Ensuring Free, Immediate, and Equitable Access to Federally Funded Research,” 25 Aug 2022, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/08-2022-OSTP-Public-Access-Memo.pdf>. Also known as the “Nelson Memo,” in contrast the 2013 memo from then-head John P. Holdren, [https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/ostp\\_public\\_access\\_memo\\_2013.pdf](https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/ostp_public_access_memo_2013.pdf).