New functionalities of the euroCRIS’ DSpace-CRIS Repository

The euroCRIS’ Repository is based on a DSpace-CRIS installation to support the collection and management of different contents related to the Organisation’s activities. The project has started in 2015 mainly focusing on the papers and presentations submitted by euroCRIS’ Members for the events but always managing the publications information in a proper CERIF way with people, events and orgunits interlinked to provide rich information.

All the past contributions have been added to the system and linked to the different authors, providing also the opportunity to link the Repository to the authors’ ORCID profiles.

In 2016, after a positive evaluation of the features and stability of DSpace-CRIS, it was decided to use the Repository to manage also the Member Database and the DRIS of euroCRIS. In order to add these 2 functionalities, in March 2016 the Repository will be updated to the DSpace-CRIS 5.4.0, a new version released on February 15, 2016 (A public demo of the system to allow institutions to freely evaluate the environment is now available. The demo can be found here: http://demo-dspace-cris.cineca.it/).

The Repository and the euroCRIS’ website now offer complimentary features so to avoid duplication of information and make it more user friendly.

Another important development is the opportunity that euroCRIS now offers to its Strategic Partners to use the Repository for their own publications, so to have a central point of access to all the useful and important contents related to the role of information systems for Higher Education Institutions. The pilot project of this new service has been implemented in collaboration with EUNIS, the European University Information System Organisation, that has chosen the euroCRIS’ repository to store and manage publications of its Journal and contributions to their events.

After the pilot, euroCRIS will define a set of guidelines for the Strategic Partners interested in such an opportunity in order to provide information on how to use the system, its requirements and the kind of entries that could be managed.

This presentation will provide an update of the whole Repository, its new functionalities and services which are available to the euroCRIS Community and to other international Organisations as well.