Survey of Research Information Management Practices

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- OCLC slides by Rebecca Bryant -
DuraSpace is...
…its open source projects
its partners

- COAR
- CHRONOPOLIS
- DPN
- RDA
- SHARE
- ACADEMIC PRESERVATION TRUST
- RESEARCH DATA ALLIANCE
- archivematica
- ORCid
- DPLA
- euroCRIS
- DURASPACE
... its members
...and most importantly, its community!

Fedora™
- >340 installations
- 74 members

VIVO
- >140 installations
- 22 members

DSpace
- >2300 installations
- 55 members

>2800 installations
Research is…
Thinking about Research

- Research Data & DMP
- Reuse & Interoperable
- Open Access & Open Data
- Researcher profiles & workflows
- Reporting, Benchmark & Analysis
- Repository & Distribution
Who’s dealing with the landscape?
Why dealing with the landscape?

- **Collect** institutional research output for **evaluation** and **assessment** purposes
- **Measure** research activity for **benchmarking**
- **Preserve** ICT investments and **maximize** ROI
- **Disseminate** data to enhance **impact** and **visibility**
- **Optimization** of the funding process
- **Resource allocation**
- **Control** over public expenditure
- **Easy access** to information and equipment
- **Input information** only once
- **Collaboration** opportunities
- **Funding** opportunities
- **Competition** analysis
- **Finding business opportunities**
- **Educational** opportunities
- **Easy access** to information and research results
Research Information is…
A Research Information System is (CRIS or RIM) is:
a database or other information system to store and manage data and information about research conducted at an institution, including contracts, projects, publications, study plans and patents, etc.
The role of euroCRIS

An international not-for-profit association founded in 2002 to bring together experts on research information in general and research information systems (CRIS) in particular.
To promote cooperation within and share knowledge among the research information community and interoperability of research information through CERIF.

Development and governance of the CERIF data model and CERIF XML:
- Common
- European
- Research
- Information
- Format

1) CERIF & CRIS Architecture & Standards
2) Best Practice/DRIS
3) CRIS-IR
4) Indicators/Impact

EuroCRIS in a nutshell

Mission
CERIF
Task Groups
Events

- Strategic Membership Meetings (twice a year)
- Conferences (every 2 years)
The importance of CERIF

- **An international standard relational data model** for storage and interoperability of research information
- **Standard exchange format (CERIF-XML)** for interoperability between systems
- **Reference model** for the development of Research Information Systems (CRIS)
- **Official EU Recommendation to Member States**
CRIS/RIM System Infrastructure

Integration | Networked Structure | Interoperability
Identifiers | Vocabularies | Exchange Format
The CRIS-IR Survey is…
The CRIS-IR Task Group aims at furthering the science and technology of the linkage between CRIS and repositories and specifically open access institutional repositories of publications.

Joint euroCRIS-EUNIS Survey on CRIS and IR systems across Europe (March 2016). The final report is available here.

Interoperability between National CRISs and National Repository Network: a CRIS/IR interoperability workline for implementing Open Access (OA) in countries where there's little or no repository infrastructure.
In the 18% of the cases where both CRIS and IR systems are available a single software platform is used for both.

It is interesting to observe that 62% of institutions have both a CRIS and an IR.
Are the two systems overlapping in their functionalities?

The two systems are clearly complementary. While IRs are the preferred ones for managing publications, dissertations and datasets, CRISs are regularly chosen for managing all the remaining data.
- Almost 65% of the institutions have linked their CRIS and their IR
- CRISs are the preferred systems to link to legacy systems
- There is still very little integration with Learning Management Systems
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The Survey of Research Information Management Practices is...
Survey of RIM Practices: Team & Timeline

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- **Survey launched**: 16 October 2017
- **Results published** in 2018
- Learn more at [oc.lc/rim](http://oc.lc/rim)
Survey goals

This survey will help us understand and report on the state of RIM activities worldwide, and it seeks answers to the following questions:

- **Why** have institutions adopted--or are considering adopting--RIM infrastructures? What are the principal drivers?

- **How** are institutions using RIM functionality? What are the principal uses?

- **Who** are institutional stakeholders, and what, in particular, is the role of libraries?

- **What** processes and systems are in use? How do they interoperate with internal and external systems? What is the scope?

- **What** are regional and international differences in drivers, uses, and processes?
Survey seeks input from…

…institutions at all stages of RIM adoption

Please choose the status that best describes your institution’s research information management (RIM) implementation stage.

- Live Implementation: Currently live with RIM system and service made publicly visible to campus stakeholders
- In the process of implementing: A decision has been made on which RIM system to use; contracts are signed. The system is not yet operational.
- Procurement Process: In the procurement process - in the process of evaluating specific systems under consideration
- Exploring: Defining system requirements and comparing available options
- Not considering: Not considering a RIM system at this time
The WHYs

We want to identify the different drivers for RIM adoption worldwide

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The WHOs

- Who are the institutional stakeholders involved in RIM adoption?
- What’s the specific role of the library?
- Staff resources?
- Outreach & education activities?
- Measures of success?
The WHATs

Processes, systems, interoperability & scope

- System(s) in use & when implemented
- Interoperability with internal & external systems
- Sources of publications metadata
- Use of persistent identifiers & vocabularies
- Which campus populations are included in the RIM?
- All disciplines?
- How many researchers are included
Who should participate?

- Universities, research institutes, and other organizations supporting research and research management
- Institutions should participate regardless of the status of RIM implementation
  - In production
  - In process of implementation
  - Exploring RIM options
- Only one survey per institution
Survey timeline

- Survey launches October 18
  - Spanish language coming November, thanks to CONCYTEC
  - Closes mid-January
- Survey results will be published in 2018 as an OCLC Research report and made openly available to the community. Survey data will be published CC-BY
- A RIM Position Paper has also just been published (oc.lc/rim)

To learn more and complete the survey: oc.lc/rim
Thanks for your attention

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