

Proposal: Round table

Research Information on an International Level: Understanding the diverse landscape of national and regional CRIS

Introduction

This is a proposal for a CRIS2024 conference round table on the topic of national/regional research portals and research information systems. Two years after the CRIS2022 workshop National Research Portal 101: The dos and don'ts of building a sustainable portal that initiated the CRISCROS Working Group on National and Regional Research Portals, the working group would like to present the findings of almost two years of collaboration in a specific session dedicated to this topic. The activity is conceived as a one-hour session with the participation of working group participants as well as other interested conference visitors. The round table is to be coordinated - both structurally and in terms of content - by the project RIS Synergy.

Integration of the session in the conference programme:

For the integration of the session in the conference program, we recommend that the round table is grouped together with the presentations on national and regional research portals/CRIS. The round table could either kick off or conclude the panel in which the presentations of the national and regional portals/CRIS take place.

The session is not designed exclusively for CRISCROS participants but planned to be part of the official event programme since it might be of interest to various conference attendees.

Objectives

The aim of the round table is to shed light on the results of the collaboration of the CRISCROS working group and to give more space to a recurring discussion topic of the group: the different use cases for national/regional CRIS.

The presentations and discussions of recent years in the context of the working group have shown that the portals - those that are represented in the group, but also those that are still under construction - although they fall into the same category, are to a large extent very different. This applies to content, features, target groups and also the technical and personnel infrastructure behind them. The reason for this can be attributed to the different use cases that are implemented with the portals. On the one hand, national/regional CRIS are a tool for decision-makers, policy-makers and funders; on the other hand, they may have been developed specifically for researchers, companies, journalists or the general public - in each case with a different goal or use case.

The round table will therefore start with a general presentation on the CRISCROS working group in order to bring the audience on the same page. Then the results of the collaboration since December 2022 will be presented, which will be concluded with the presentation of a deliverable produced by RIS Synergy: a screencast with insights into two national and two regional research portals of the CRISCROS working group.

Afterwards, the session will switch from presentation mode to discussion mode and we will discuss the topic "Use cases for national/regional research portals and CRIS" with selected experts from the CRISCROS working group. The panel will consist of five to seven people, including a representative from the euroCRIS Board. The panel will be moderated by members of the RIS Synergy project.

Agenda

1. CRISCROS Working Group: Two years of collaboration (10 minutes)
2. Screencast Premiere: Showcasing national and regional research portals of the CRISCROS working group (5 minutes)
3. Expert Panel Discussion: Use cases for national/regional research portals and CRIS (30 minutes)
4. Questions from the audience (15 minutes)

Expert Panel Discussion: Discussion points

- What is the main use case for the national/regional research portal that you represent?
- How is the successful implementation of this use case tracked?
- Who commissioned the implementation and are they also the main target group of the research portal?

Technical/scientific committee members

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