

Using IRUS-UK to develop an OA newsletter

from Aberystwyth University

Background

Aberystwyth University have CADAIR (a DSpace institutional repository) and PURE (a CRIS system). They wanted to promote Open Access activity, and ensure staff and students understand the systems they have available to support Open Access. To help achieve this, a regular newsletter incorporating statistics from IRUS-UK was developed.

Related links

Cadair - Aberystwyth University Open Access Repository: <http://cadair.aber.ac.uk/dspace/>

IRUS-UK reports used

Item Report 1(IR1): for top downloads from the Aberystwyth University repository

ETD Report 1 (ETD1): for downloads of electronic theses and dissertations

How do you use IRUS-UK?

Data from the IR1 report is used to identify top 5 downloaded articles for each month. Data from the ETD1 report is used to identify the top 5 downloaded theses for each month. The title, author(s) and number of downloads as well as a link to the article/thesis are included in the newsletter.

In addition, a selection of statistics from PURE are used including the number of PURE publication records validated and migrated to CADAIR which highlights the link between the two systems.

http://hdl.handle.net/2160/1924	Rethinking the Security Dilemma
http://hdl.handle.net/2160/1962	Security, Democracy, and the Rhetoric of Counter-Terrorism
http://hdl.handle.net/2160/585	Local studies collections online: an investigation in Irish public libraries
http://hdl.handle.net/2160/27098	The weathered Carboniferous Limestone at Bullslaughter Bay, South Wales: the first example of ghost rock recorded in the British Isles
http://hdl.handle.net/2160/292	Serendipity and Information Seeking

Screenshot of Open Access newsletter

Outcome

The newsletter is hosted on the repository and a headline and a link to the latest issue are included in the University-wide bulletins at the start of every month. The one-page newsletter is designed to be simple to compile; bilingual; accessible; reliable; easy to interpret; and easy to share. It names individuals to highlight their work and show others within the institution who are actively engaged as well as provide examples of journals that are available to publish in. The newsletter also includes information on where the data originated and links to IRUS-UK should individuals wish to visit IRUS-UK themselves.

Next steps

The newsletter continues to promote Open Access awareness and highlight the links between the institutional repository, the CRIS, and also the Open Access content in the library catalogue Primo.