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Institutional Repositories Usage Statistics in UK (IRUS-UK)

IRUS-UK collects raw usage data from UK Institutional Repositories (IRs) and processes these data into COUNTER-compliant statistics. This provides repositories with comparable, authoritative, standards-based data and opportunities for profiling at a national level. IRUS-UK is a community-driven development, responding to user needs.

New case studies

We have added two more case studies, so now have four available, with more planned soon. The latest two are:

Combining IRUS-UK and Altmetric Data – example using White Rose Research Online data – a case study showing how to record top downloaded papers with Altmetric scores (donuts) and links to how you can do this with your own data. The IRUS-UK report used is the Article Report 4 http://irus.mimas.ac.uk/help/support/CombiningIRUS-UKandAltmetricData.pdf

Using IRUS-UK to develop an OA newsletter at Aberystwyth University – a case study showing how IRUS-UK statistics are helping to show top downloaded articles, theses and authors each month in a newsletter promoting Open Access awareness and also included in university-wide bulletins. The IRUS-UK reports used are the Item Report 1 and the ETD Report 1 http://irus.mimas.ac.uk/help/support/Using_IRUS-UK_reports_to_develop_an_OA_newsletter.pdf

All case studies are available from the Support Materials section of the Help page on the IRUS-UK website. We plan to collect more case studies of how different institutions are using IRUS-UK statistics in future and will add them to this page http://www.irus.mimas.ac.uk/help/support/

If you're currently using the IRUS-UK statistics in your institution and are willing to share how you use them, please contact irus@jisc.ac.uk and we'll arrange to discuss it with you. It should only take a short phone call; we will then write up the case study.

Welcome to eight new participants

We would like to welcome our latest participating institutional repositories, meaning we currently have 113 institutional repositories representing >76% of eligible institutional repositories:

Falmouth University Research Repository (FURR)

Apollo – University of Cambridge

SRUC Repository (Scotland's Rural College)

University of Hertfordshire Research Archive (UHRA)

LBS Research Online (London Business School)

ARRO – Anglia Ruskin Research Online

BG Research Online (Bishop Grosseteste University)

e-space: MMU's Research Repository

IRUSdata-UK and Figshare

As sharing research data becomes more common we have been working on metrics to identify reliable ways of recording data downloads. As part of this we have created the IRUSdata-UK alpha service. Our aim is to enable UK data repositories to create/share/expose usage statistics based on a global standard following the COUNTER Code of Practice for e-Resources. We are working with Jisc colleagues and Figshare to allow UK institutions, using Figshare as an institutional data repository, to access accurate COUNTER-compliant download metrics via IRUSdata-UK.

Raw download usage is filtered to remove robots, double clicks and other anomalies so that our statistics are comparable, reliable, trustworthy and authoritative leading to meaningful comparisons between repositories, items and files.

You can find out more about IRUSdata-UK by visiting our Jisc Research Data Metrics page http://rdmetrics.jiscinvolve.org/wp/. If your institution is currently using Figshare, or intends to in the future, then you can contact David Kernohan (david.kernohan@jisc.ac.uk) or our helpdesk to join the alpha service. As currently for research we are also able to connect easily to EPrints, DSpace and Fedora-based repositories.

Goodbye and good luck to Jo Alcock

As many of you know, Jo Alcock left Evidence Base at the end of July. Jo has been an invaluable, passionate and dedicated member of the IRUS-UK team for several years and will be sorely missed. Her influence has extended well beyond the excellence she has brought to user engagement, training and support. We wish her well as she takes a bold step into freelancing and to furthering her work in the library community and beyond. Good luck Jo!

Integration of IRUS-UK statistics in the CORE Dashboard

As a national repository usage statistics aggregation service we aim to provide download statistics for all eligible UK repositories. CORE, as a full-text aggregation service, aim to present information regarding manuscripts' downloads to repository managers. CORE have now integrated the IRUS-CORE statistics into the CORE Repositories Dashboard, which is a content management tool designed for repository managers.

Out and about

We recently presented at:

OR2016 at Trinity College Dublin (13-16/06/2016)

Panel session: 'Usage Statistics - Accuracy, comparability and standardisation of usage statistics in Open Access institutional repositories' by Daniel Beucke, Göttingen State and University Library and COAR; Joseph W. Greene, University College Dublin, Ireland and RIAN, the Irish network of Open Access IRs; Stefan Amshey, Bepress Digital Commons; and John Salter, White Rose University Consortium, on behalf of IR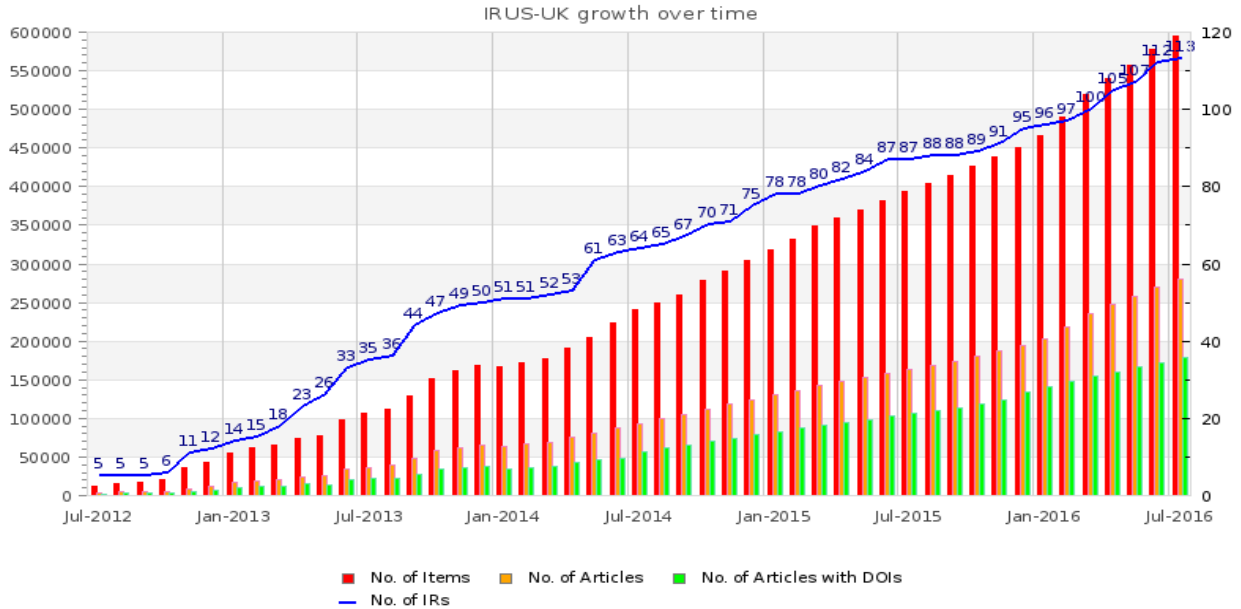US-UK and COUNTER. Download the IRUS-UK presentation: PDF http://bit.ly/2al8QXa or PowerPoint 2010 http://bit.ly/2aQBfUp

The conference page describing the session: http://bit.ly/2ax9hsR

We will be presenting at:

UKSG Forum at Grand Connaught Rooms, London (16/11/2016)

'Exposing ORCIDs through IRUS-UK' as part of a 'Data' themed panel session.

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Legend: ■ No. of Items   ■ No. of Articles   ■ No. of Articles with DOIs   — No. of IRs

Project Honey Pot

Project Honey Pot is a free, distributed, web-based, open source system for identifying the IP addresses of spammers and spambots. IRUS-UK is participating in Project Honey Pot and has contributed to the project by identifying a previously unknown email harvester. We recommend that our users also participate. Further information can be found on the Project website (http://www.projecthoneypot.org/index.php).

Contact Us

You can keep up-to-date with service developments by visiting our website www.irus.mimas.ac.uk

We welcome your views on your experience of using the website and portal.

Please get in touch if you have comments, questions or ideas for future developments.

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