OCLC – euroCRIS strategic partnership

Survey on Research Information Management Practices

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Because what is known must be shared.
A global network of libraries

- Americas: 10,686 members in 28 countries
- EMEA: 3,886 members in 69 countries
- Asia Pacific: 1,538 members in 24 countries

As of 30 June 2017

Areas of focus:
- Resource sharing
- Discovery
- Management
- Metadata
- Research
See OCLC’s Fifty Years of Sharing Knowledge

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2017–18
OCLC REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

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**ARC17**
OCLC AMERICAS REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
October 30–31, 2017
Baltimore, Maryland, USA
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**APRC17**
OCLC ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
November 29–30, 2017
Tokyo, Japan
#OCLCAPRC17
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**EMEARC18**
OCLC EMEA REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
February 20–21, 2018
Edinburgh, Scotland
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Research Information Management: Defining RIM and the Library’s Role

Research Report
Convenience and Compliance: Case Studies on Persistent Identifiers in European Research Information Management
Forthcoming November 30

Research Report
Survey on Research Information Management Practices
Forthcoming 2018
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• Provides an international framework for understanding RIM practices
• Synthesizes the value proposition of libraries in RIM service provision
• oc.lc/rimpaper
What is Research Information Management (RIM)?

The aggregation, curation, & utilization of metadata about research activities

Overlapping terms:
- CRIS (Current Research Information System)
- RIS (Research Information System)
- RNS (Research Networking System)
- RPS (Research Profiling System)
- FAR (Faculty Activity Reporting)

- RIMs ≠ social networking platforms like ResearchGate or Academia.edu
- RIM ≠ Research Data Management (RDM)
Libraries in Research Information Management

- Publications & Scholarship Expertise
- Training & Support
- Discoverability, Access & Reputational Support
- Stewardship of the Institutional Record
Case studies of adoption of person & organizational identifiers in 3 national settings:
- Finland
- Germany
- Netherlands

Collaborative research with LIBER
- Expected December 1
- oc.lc/rim
OCLC Research and euroCRIS announce strategic partnership

DUBLIN, Ohio, USA / THE HAGUE, The Netherlands, 18 October 2017—OCLC Research and euroCRIS, the international organization for research information, announce a strategic partnership to recognize and understand international research information management practices through collaborative research. The two organizations signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) earlier this year.

Research information management (RIM) is the aggregation, curation, and utilization of information about research and is emerging as an area of increasing interest and relevance in many university libraries. RIMs, also broadly known as Current Research Information Systems (CRISs), are gaining interest and attention worldwide for their contribution in dealing with new policies on open science, research funding, and national assessment.

RIM intersects with many aspects of traditional library services in discovery, acquisition, dissemination, and analysis of scholarly activities, and does so through the nexus with institutional data systems, researcher workflows, and institutional partners. RIM adoption offers libraries new opportunities to
Survey of Research Information Management Practices

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- Survey is LIVE
- Results published in 2018
- Jointly implemented by OCLC Research & euroCRIS
- Learn more at oc.lc/rim
Survey goals

This survey will help us understand and report on 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
WHY?
identify different drivers for RIM adoption worldwide

### RIM STATUS & DRIVERS

1. Please indicate the importance of the following reasons for pursuing research information management (RIM) activities.

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HOW?
We want to understand how institutions are USING RIM functionality

RIM FUNCTIONALITY

3. How important are the following functions of RIM at your institution?

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<td>External (e.g., National) research assessment</td>
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<td>Identifying collaborators or expertise</td>
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WHO?
Stakeholders & collaborators

• 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?
WHAT?
Processes, systems, interoperability & scope

- System(s) in use & when implemented
- Interoperability with internal & external systems
- Sources of publications metadata
- Use of standards, 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
- Closes January 15, 2018
- Survey findings & data will be published CC-BY in 2018
Promotion

- OCLC blogs, lists
- EuroCRIS outlets
- RIM vendors through their user group communities
- Library & research organization lists
- RLP partners & their networks
- Promotion at meetings like
  - Pure International Conference
  - North American Pure User Group
  - Charleston Conference
  - Force11
  - euroCRIS
Survey on Research Information Management Practices

- Global survey to learn about RIM activities, drivers, & practices
- Survey findings and data will be published CC-BY in 2018
- [oc.lc/rim](https://oc.lc/rim)
- Complete the survey for your institution
- Encourage others to participate
- Survey closes January 15, 2018
- Jointly developed by

[Euromonitor Research](http://euromonitorresearch.com)
Questions?

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