Minutes of Meeting #8 of the New Zealand ORCID Consortium Advisory Committee, 11 August 2020; 10am-11.30pm via videoconference.

Present:

Committee:

Marie Bradley (chair) (from AgResearch, a member of Science New Zealand's Science Policy group)

Esther Viljoen (from HRC)

Nick Shortt (from MRINZ, representing IRANZ)

Lesley Brook (from Otago Polytechnic, representing ITPs)

Giselle Byrnes (from Massey University), representing Universities New Zealand Research Committee–Te Pōkai Tara)

Anne Scott (from University of Canterbury, representing CONZUL)

Richard Waldin (from Scion, a member of Science New Zealand's IT group)

Jackie Fawcett (from MBIE)

Secretariat:

Jason Gush (Royal Society Te Apārangi – ORCID programme manager and ORCID Hub product owner)

Jill Mellanby (Royal Society Te Apārangi – ORCID coordinator).

Roger Ridley (Royal Society Te Apārangi – Director, Research Practice & Expert Advice).

Apologies :

Mary-Anne Woodnorth (from Auckland District Health Board, representing District Health Board consortium members)

Katharina Ruckstuhl (from University of Otago, bringing a Mātauranga Māori perspective; also ORCID Board member). A report from the recent ORCID Board meetings was provided to the committee.

Abbreviations used:

ITPs – Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics
CONZUL – Council of New Zealand University Librarians
IRANZ – Independent Research Association of New Zealand
NZRIS – New Zealand Research Information System
HRC – Health Research Council of New Zealand
MBIE – Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
CoRE – Centre of Research Excellence
STRIVE – working group within MBIE

Summary of Key Actions

Agenda item	Action	Who

1 Society update	Contact person for CRI Knowledge Navigators group to be provided to JM	MB
1 Society update	Message to Ako Aotearoa to be forwarded to GB	JM
1 Society update	Useful stats (percentages) to be worked on	JG
2 Funders	MBIE to work on graph of ORCID use in publications to make it useful for this committee. To share final report with Society once finalised	JF
2 Funders	Society to make contact with STRIVE group at MBIE	JG
5 ToR	Terms of Reference approved. Post on website	JM
6 AOB	Town Hall agenda and tentative dates to be circulated with a request for speakers from this committee	JM

Agenda item 1 – Update on consortium lead's activities and the consortium, generally

The Society held a meeting with a prospective consortium member and sent them further information on ORCID. It is possible that the public API might suffice for their specific needs.

Ako Aotearoa was contacted with information about ORCID and the consortium, and an invitation to join was issued. No response has been received to date.
ACTION JM to forward the sent email to GB.

CRIs were contacted during lockdown with an offer of help with communications and a direct link to the new Hub user guides.
ACTION MB to put JM in contact with the lead person from the cross CRI Knowledge Navigator team.

All IRANZ members were contacted individually and the Society has been invited to present to an IRANZ meeting on 20th August.

TEC and MoE have been approached to discuss ORCID and PBRF. ORCID could be of direct use for TEC activity around the CoRES.

New Zealand ORCID Hub update – 27 members are onboarded to the NZ ORCID Hub although not all of these are actively using the application. Both NIWA and University of Canterbury have automated their ORCID processes by linking their internal HR system to the Hub. Affiliations for employment are being written regularly by these two organisations. Otago Polytechnic has used the Hub to write works to records. Overseas, South Africa, the US and Canada are all experimenting with setting up local versions of the Hub. Although this is a use of New Zealand resourcing, by having a stronger Hub use, it is hoped that this will aid with future-proofing the application. Already, we have uncovered a problem that we were unaware of, with Hub emails being blacklisted in Canada. This issue has now been fixed.

Committee feedback – a report on the percentage of ORCID affiliations rather than raw numbers would be of use.
ACTION JG to look into getting useful statistics for organisations.

Agenda item 2 – Update on funders' ORCID related activities

All funders are either providing the option of ORCID ID supply at the funding stage or in the process of implementing this. In addition, some funders are also writing successful grant recipients and reviewers/assessors also, in the 'service' section of records.

MBIE presented a preliminary graph with data from Dimensions showing ORCID use in 2020 publications by NZ authors. ACTION – JF to work internally on this report to make it useful for this group and wider use to show increasing benefit of ORCID IDs and indicator of adoption.

ACTION Society to contact the STRIVE group at MBIE through our existing contacts –as research office staff, liaising with researchers STRIVE could be useful group to reinforce ORCID adoption messages.

Agenda item 3 – Roundtable discussion, including report from ORCID Board

The Covid situation has impacted all research organisations in some way. This has meant that many activities have become lower priority, including, ORCID. However, many organisations have become more technically proficient and may see the benefits of more interconnected systems – this could help push ORCID adoption forward. The report from the ORCID Board shows that Covid has also impacted ORCID Inc.

The issue of data sovereignty is of concern to our indigenous communities, and more widely. Currently, the Hub is storing data in Sydney. If Microsoft was to open a New Zealand data centre this could help allay fears about New Zealand data being held offshore.

Agenda item 4 – Making best use of the advisory committee, strategically

The committee agrees on the need for it to have a more strategic rather than an operational role throughout the next two-year term – taking on more of horizon scanning role while maintaining wider system advocacy role. A theme for each meeting will be suggested in advance. Suggested themes are: data sovereignty, and security; funding and indigenous research models. Building greater linkages into other system initiatives as part of this – for example with NZRIS NSOG group.

The committee is still an excellent conduit into the research sectors for the Society, as lead agency, to answer occasional, specific, operational related questions.

Agenda item 5 – Approval of new Terms of Reference for the committee

Terms of reference approved.
ACTION – JM to post on website.
ACTION JM to write post in next newsletter about this committee moving to a more strategic advisory role, from its operational role to date.

Agenda item 6 – AOB

Consortium Town Hall meeting is being organised later in the year, tentatively October or November. Members of the committee were invited to speak as advocates; share learnings and benefits. ACTION JM to send date suggestions to AS. Invitation to speak on data sovereignty to be issued to KR and/or another appropriate person.

ORCID's new data dashboard sample was shared with the committee. This is only just been received by the Society. This will make to collection of statistics easier and give access to data, previously unavailable without specifically being requested.

The new portal being developed by the Society for the Prime Minister's science prizes was also demonstrated. This has the ability to pull information from ORCID records to populate fields. Having such systems integrated with ORCID provides an incentive for researchers to maintain their ORCID record and organisations to make this easier for their researchers.