

New Zealand ORCID Consortium



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The Advisory Committee met on 11th August. New Terms of Reference were agreed and the committee discussed their role over the next two years. We agreed that the committee move towards a more strategic, horizon-scanning position now that ORCID operations are more widely understood within the consortium community. We will suggest a theme in advance of each meeting.

Some potential themes are: data sovereignty and security, and funding and indigenous research models. The minutes of the meeting, as well as the Terms of Reference are on [this page](#).

Consortium Town Hall event

On 21st October we will host our consortium Town Hall event, from 12.00-1.00pm, over zoom. All consortium members' main and technical contacts have been invited. As we are limited to 100 participants we ask that people at the same organisation try to zoom from the same machine, if at all possible, particularly if there are people other than the main/technical contacts who wish to attend.

Two members of our Advisory Committee will speak: Anne Scott, from the University of Canterbury – Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha – one of our member organisations that has automated internal processes by using the Hub's own API; and Katharina Ruckstuhl, from the University of Otago – Te Whare Wānanga o Otāgo – who will talk about indigenous data sovereignty within an ORCID context. We look forward to welcoming everyone to this event.

There have been some member organisation contact changes within the consortium recently. If you are a main or technical contact and haven't received an invitation to the Town Hall event please get in touch and we will send the zoom link – orcid@royalsociety.org.nz.

NZ ORCID Hub

ORCID has discontinued its 'Collect & Connect' badge programme, replacing it with a new, service provider certification scheme. Our New Zealand ORCID Hub was awarded this certification after an assessment by ORCID. You can be sure that, in using the Hub, you are working with a system that meets all of ORCID's recommended best practices in both technical and communication aspects.

If you used the Hub in the past to write employment record entries to your researchers' and contributors' ORCID records and haven't kept those details up to date when people have moved within or out of your organisation, remember to log into the Hub and enter new information such as employment end dates. For ORCID to grow as a trusted source of information it is essential that member organisations keep ORCID as part of their on-boarding and off-boarding process when people join/leave their organisation.

If you can't remember how to use the Hub, or need a refresher, get in touch with us. We can talk you through the process on the phone or over zoom, and help you with creating and uploading files, or filling information into the Hub's web-forms. Our user guides are also available online for [writing affiliations](#) and other information to ORCID records.

Hub success stories

It's been great to see regular Hub entries from two organisations that have automated their internal processes for using the Hub. Once automation is in place the organisation no longer has to manually upload files to the Hub.

In this 'Hub success story', Kieran Windsor, senior systems engineer at NIWA describes their approach.

Automating NIWA's ORCID affiliation

In a little over year, NIWA IT has affiliated over 180 staff using the Orcid Hub API. An automated process developed by the NIWA IT team has been the secret to this success.

Importantly, the process automatically detects new starters. It uses the Orcid Hub to generate an invitation to affiliate them with NIWA and populate their affiliation record. Whenever someone leaves, it sets an end date - closing off the person's affiliation with NIWA.

Affiliation information is kept current for position changes, but NIWA IT's next release will create multiple affiliation entries that outline a staff member's journey within the organisation.

The Orcid Hub API has been invaluable in simplifying NIWA's management of the ORCID service. With the ability to customise affiliation information, easily update and read information out of ORCID, it's a sure bet that NIWA IT will find lots more uses for the Orcid Hub API.

Kieran Windsor, Senior Systems Engineer, NIWA

ORCID Board elections

ORCID has recently announced the Board slate for 2021. All members of the consortium are eligible to vote in ORCID's annual Board elections. Each year, ORCID's nominating committee selects a slate of candidates from nominations received and presents them to members. Members vote on the slate of candidates. This year's slate, with candidate biographies, is in [this ORCID blog post](#). All New Zealand consortium members' voting contacts will receive voting information via email by 29 October. Voting remains open until 30 November. If you are unsure who your organisation's voting contact person is you can find it in the ORCID member portal; you access this using your ORCID sign-in. Once logged into your ORCID record, click on the drop-down arrow on the top right of the screen beside your name and select 'member tools.'

ORCID news

On 20th August ORCID co-hosted a webinar on Indigenous Data Sovereignty: Activating Policy and Practice (co-hosted with GIDA and USIDSN, (the Global Indigenous Data Alliance and United States Indigenous Data Sovereignty Network). A link to a recording and the slides from this event can be found [here](#).

ORCID recently hosted the inaugural meeting of its Product interest group. The presenters described several changes that have been implemented or are in the planning stages:

An improvement to the API search has been rolled out – API search results have now increased from 200 to 1000 in single call.

The new Member portal will be coming soon and will have better reporting on metrics. ORCID will be seeking input from members on what statistics they would find useful.

ORCID's new 'assertomatic' tool which allows members to assert affiliation information to ORCID records without having to build an integration was discussed. As we have our own NZ ORCID Hub which does this, with a lot more functionality, it is unlikely that we will use this, but for other worldwide ORCID members it could be a useful tool.

Some member organisations have expressed concern about their inability to update an entry they have written to a record, if the record holder revokes permission. ORCID has updated its Privacy policy and it now includes this statement: *A Trusted Organization which is the source of specific data in your Record will continue to be able to update or delete that data on your Record even if you have revoked permission to add new data. This is to ensure continued accuracy of data in the Registry. If you do not wish the member to be able to update such data, then you must delete the data from your record.* This feature is in the early stage of development and the notice has resulted in some robust discussion amongst ORCID consortia lead agencies over the palatability of this innovation. Conversations with ORCID are ongoing.

The next product interest group meeting is scheduled for NZ time Tues 8 December 4.00am–5.00am. If there is anything you would like us, as consortium lead, to bring up for discussion at that meeting let us know. We are aware that the time may put people off attending and understand that the next meeting will be in Asia/Pacific appropriate time.

Monthly ORCID reports

All nominated 'main contacts' for consortium members, as well as those nominated by main contacts, should be receiving ORCID's monthly newsletter. Please [contact us](#) if you expect to, but are not receiving it.

We are happy to take suggestions for other newsletter content. If there is something you'd like to read about please let us know.

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