NZ ORCID Consortium newsletter #9

In this issue of the New Zealand ORCID Consortium newsletter:

Welcome to new consortium member

We extend a warm welcome to the Heavy Engineering Research Association (HERA), our newest consortium member, bringing our total membership to 49.

Advisory Committee

The New Zealand ORCID Advisory Committee held their third meeting on 9th April 2018. The committee signed off on the content of a document which outlines their vision for ORCID in New Zealand. This document is currently with designers and will be made available as soon as the design has been agreed upon. The committee thanked Kate McGrath for her contribution to the group and wished her well in her new appointment, overseas. The minutes from the committee meeting are on the Advisory Committee's webpage.

NZ ORCID Hub – version 4 release

On Thursday 17 May, we demonstrated version 4 of the Hub at our fortnightly stand-up session. A recording of that session, is available for those who couldn't make it to the session.
The Hub is now able to write works and peer-review items as well as funding and affiliations, and an API for the Hub is available for those who wish to automate their processes. The webpage for the Hub has been reorganised and now has subpages for the Hub's background and history, Hub's ongoing development, using the Hub, and Hub FAQs.
A series of Hub user guides is being written for Technical Contact and Organisation Administrators. The first of these, a guide to writing affiliations, is now available, along with sample email messages for communicating with your staff/students about your organisation's use of the Hub to write to ORCID records. These exemplar emails and guide are on the user's webpage for the Hub.
The Hub's API automates reading and writing from the ORCID records of your researchers. A guide to using the Hub's API will be available shortly. For those of you who have been manually uploading files of information at regular intervals, using the API can relieve you of this burden. To request credentials to use the Hub's API the member organisation's technical contact should formally request access, and, once given, use the '**settings**' menu within the Hub and select '**application registration**'. Once at this page, they'll be able to generate credentials.
With the Hub's API you can:

- Collect the validated ORCID iDs of your researchers

- Write new information to the iDs of your researchers

- Update information in existing ORCID iDs, for example, add end dates or new job titles.

Version 0.1 of the Hub's API is currently available. With the credentials gained above, technical contacts can explore the Hub's functions that are exposed to the API through the Hub's Swagger UI here: https://test.orcidhub.org.nz/api-docs/

A machine-readable specification of the current Hub API : https://test.orcidhub.org.nz/spec

ORCID and data privacy

ORCID receives many queries about data privacy. Recently, the German ORCID DE Project commissioned an expert report, funded by the German Research Foundation, to review ORCID's data privacy practices. Key sections of the report have been translated into English and are available here.

The EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into effect in Europe on the 25th May and ORCID have added some more information to their website. This article describes where data about ORCID users is held, and ORCID's access control and security of users' data. More information on users' rights, and information about the transfer of data to countries outside the users' own jurisdiction, can be found in this article. ORCID's full privacy policy is available here. Another useful resource for seeing how ORCID respects privacy are ORCID's Trust pages, which are here, particularly the page on individual control.

MBIE's new ORCID Integration

MBIE has recently built an ORCID Integration into their Investment Management System (IMS) (their portal), making them the first funding agency in New Zealand to have integrated their grant management system with ORCID. Investigators are given the option of allowing MBIE to collect their ORCID IDs at the application stage – users are taken to ORCID where they can create an ORCID iD or log into their existing ORCID record, and grant MBIE permission to read from and write to that record. Currently, MBIE are only collecting the ORCID iDs but later intend to post successful funding information to the ORCID records of applicants. The first funding rounds to use this new ORCID integration are the Endeavour Smart ideas full proposals, Catalyst Strategic and the next Partnerships round (opening in October).

ORCID board call for nominations

ORCID have put out a call for nominations to join the board for 2019. Members of the board stand for three years and are expected to attend each of three annual board meetings, in person. Note this is a volunteer position and attendance costs are not compensated. Nominations are due by 1st August and more information can be found here.

FAQ focus – benefits of ORCID to researchers

We have framed this question in our FAQS for researchers as 'What are the main benefits to me, personally, in having an ORCID ID?', with our answer being:
"ORCID will reduce the amount of time you spend keeping your professional record up to date. Your scholarly activities, including publications, grants received, and (depending on the publisher) peer-review activity that you carry out, can be written to your ORCID record by trusted parties allowed by you. This should save you the time and effort spent entering that same information in other places."

Anecdotal information tells us that researchers still do not understand how ORCID can benefit them, personally, and are comparing it to other social profile sites.

There should be no comparison between ORCID and other social sites such as ResearchGate and Academia.edu as their function is different from ORCID's. ORCID is a disambiguation tool that issues unique identifiers to people. The 'C' in ORCID is for 'contributor', hence a person does not need to be a traditional researcher to benefit from ORCID and can claim credit for their

contribution to a piece of research.

While the main benefits of ORCID to researchers are likely not yet apparent, MBIE do have some case studies of researchers who see its advantages. Until organisations have built integrations between their own systems and ORCID, or are using the Hub to its maximum capability, the real time saving benefits of ORCID are not realised. The value of system integrations is that researchers have **verified** information in ORCID records rather than self-written information; this verified information can then be reused, saving the researcher time in entering the same information into multiple systems. Ultimately, the ability to link funding information to research outputs within ORCID will be possible, making the research environment more transparent.

Collect and Connect – Member badges awarded

ORCID are currently revising their Collect and Connect requirements and will communicate changes in the near future. This means that no new badges are being issued at present.

As described in previous newsletters we are aiming to work with those of you who are using the Hub to be awarded ORCID's Collect & Connect badges, for display on your ORCID webpages or integrated systems. The Hub satisfies all of ORCID's technical requirements for the award of badges but organisations also have to satisfy the communications aspect of ORCID: your users must have a source of information within your organisation, such as a web or intranet page, explaining what ORCID is and why your organisation is collecting ORCID iDs, how they are using them, and how this benefits the researcher.

Our first member organisation to be awarded 4 of the badges is the University of Canterbury who, with some tiny amendments to their webpages, were awarded these by ORCID. Here are their information pages for their research community:

http://canterbury.libguides.com/scholarly/ORCiD

All of you, on receiving production credentials from the Hub, should have received a 'model communications' example from us on which to base your own information pages for your research community. If you have lost these or would like a copy please contact us; also if you need the 'ORCID – Member Organization' logo, which you should be displaying on your information pages for badge eligibility.

Note that we will apply to ORCID on your behalf for the badges and then forward the files to you for display –please do not copy and paste the images directly from our website to yours.

News from ORCID

Asia Pacific Region - town hall – summary

On 27th March ORCID held their Asia Pacific Region town hall meeting. The speakers were Veronique Kiermer, chair of the ORCID Board; Karin Wulf, chair of the board nominations committee; Laure Haak, ORCID's Executive Director; Matthew Buys, ORCID's membership director.

ORCID are having a big focus on funders in 2018. Up to now much work has been done with publishers to assert works information, and with employers to assert affiliations; there is now a push for funders to assert funding in ORCID records.

Currently ORCID are looking at how research funding can be connected to research outputs within ORCID as well as how the contribution of research facilities can be credited for their contributions to research; such facilities can be laboratories, equipment, ships, research stations, museum collections , archaeological sites – basically 'things that allow research to be done'.

The powerpoint slides from this meeting can be found in ORCID's online repository

ORCID propose adding more functionality to records by adding a section for acknowledging 'Research Resources'. This will include resources that fit into one of the following four categories (with examples):

- *infrastructure* (e.g. animal facility, ships, farms, archaeological sites, laboratories, data enclave, telescope array, planes, neutron spallatial source),
- *collection* (collaborative data sets or resources, rare book collection, museum collection, biological specimen collection, ocean mission, field campaign),
- *equipment* (microscope, computers, glassware, samples, materials)
- *service* (computing services, data analysis, copyediting, logistical support, legal services, proteomics analysis, expert or staff advisement)

University of Otago – ORCID competition winner

The University of Otago has been encouraging their people to allow the University to write an employment affiliation to their ORCID records using the NZ ORCID Hub. They encouraged adoption by entering all who registered, as part of their ORCID drive, into a prize draw. The winner, Associate Professor Paul Guy was delighted to receive his prize of a $100 voucher for Eureka, a restaurant close to the University campus from the Subject Librarian for Botany at University of Otago, Lynne Knapp and are delighted to announce the winner.
Here is a photo of a delighted Paul, receiving his prize.

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Previous NZ ORCID consortium newsletters are to be found at the bottom of the 'about the consortium' page of our website.

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