Minutes of Meeting #9 of the New Zealand ORCID Consortium Advisory Committee

4 February 2021 via video conference.

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)

Katharina Ruckstuhl (from University of Otago, bringing a Mātauranga Māori perspective; also ORCID Board member).

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

Anne Scott (from University of Canterbury, representing CONZUL)

Amber Flynn (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).

Apologies :

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

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

Abbreviations used:

ITPs – Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics
CONZUL – Council of New Zealand University Librarians
GDPR – General Data Protection Regulation
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

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

The Society intended to carry out in-person visits to consortium member organisations that haven't begun to make use of their membership. Despite direct approaches to several organisations, interest in ORCID has been poor over the past year. This is most likely due to shifting priorities as a result of Covid. Our ongoing analysis of data showing the number of new ORCID registrations in New Zealand

has showed a decline for the first time since we began monitoring. This demonstrates that either the majority of New Zealand researchers who want an ORCID ID now have one, and we have reached saturation point, or that some other factor, possibly Covid, is preventing new sign-ons.

NZRIS – brief update

Phase I data providers to NZRIS were the Society, HRC and MBIE. Phase II data providers will come on board in 2021. ORCID use, as a person identifier in the system, is being encouraged. It was suggested that some of the members of the Phase I working group continue as members of the Phase II group and attend meetings in order to share any lessons learned.

Setting Goals for the next 18 months

It was suggested that engaging with the right organisational teams, such those involved with system changes, at member organisations who are lagging in their use of ORCID membership, is the best approach, rather than trying to engage with individuals. Examples of such groups are, the CRI technology group or the Universities New Zealand IT directors sub-committee.

ACTIONS GB to contact IT directors group subcommittee of UNZ. RW to contact CRI technology leaders' group. Find out if ORCID is being embedded into any new systems or whether there is an opportunity to do so.

It was agreed that the theme of the next advisory committee meeting would be Privacy. JG indicated that there is considerable information in ORCID's public webpages about their GDPR review that took place a couple of years ago. This committee could advise whether more information is required to inform discussion. Themes for other meetings could be: other system integrations ; indigenous data sovereignty.

Do we have a role to promote ORCID membership outside the consortium? This could be discussed later in the year

Round table discussion – strategies and success stories to share

The committee agreed, generally, that Covid has forced organisations to shift their priorities over the past year, and this could explain why interest in ORCID has waned. Some of our consortium member organisations where ORCID is becoming business as usual are now requesting ORCID IDs when researchers apply for internal funding and/or promotion. Also, at one CRI, ORCID IDs are being requested as part of a new HR system. There are indications that ORCID is becoming embedded in parts of the research system.

A discussion on PBRF was held. The Society has met with TEC and Ministry of Education representatives to talk about the place of ORCID. However, the inability to mandate ORCID due to New Zealand's Privacy laws is a barrier to PBRF embedding ORCID into any system. In effect, a dual system would have to be run, one with, and one without, ORCID. There may be a possibility to offer ORCID authenticated information to the PBRF system indirectly. Such information could be clearly marked as 'verified' or similar. As there is normally a call for sector representatives to contribute to a

working group prior to each PBRF round, there may be an opportunity for members of this committee to be involved, via nomination, if required.

ITPs – a research directors meeting is taking place at the end of February and there an opportunity for ORCID to be a part of the strategy session.

MBIE – The funding group at MBIE is working on making their systems more ORCID friendly, both for funding applicants and for their assessors' college.

It was generally agreed that we need to demonstrate tangible use benefits beyond ORCID as an identifier for a person. It might be time to produce a new one-page document highlighting some success stories / case studies.

ORCID and indigenous data sovereignty

It is possible that concerns over data privacy are an issue for people when considering whether to sign up for an ORCID ID. The fact that ORCID is non-profit should be clear to prospective sign-ups. Over the past year ORCID worked with the Global Indigenous Data Alliance to host a series of workshops on indigenous data sovereignty. Globally, some ambitious projects are under way but they are time and energy intensive; no off-she-shelf tools are available and systems must be built. Notably, in the US, anyone who applies for funding must now provide a researcher ID.

Many countries in the Western world who have indigenous people are a part of the data sovereignty conversation, including Australia. It is useful having representatives from such countries on the ORCID Board.

Update on ORCID Board

Another Board meeting will be held shortly. Privacy, from a New Zealand perspective will be presented. ORCID has concentrated on its value for the researcher to date. Now it is thinking about its value for the member organisations who provide revenue.

ORCID Board could be asking the big publishers what benefit they are accruing from collecting ORCID IDs – i.e. what do they get out of being members?

AOB

The Society's current ORCID coordinator is on secondment to another internal role until September 2021. The position will shortly be advertised.

ORCID have released a new plugin for Open Journal Systems (OJS). This is used by some of our consortium members.

Meeting closed 2.30pm