Australian ORCID Consortium Launch

Canberra – On Monday, 15 February 2016 Senator Zed Seselja, representing Minister for Education and Training Senator Simon Birmingham, will be launching the Australian ORCID Consortium at the Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra.

The establishment of the consortium was collaboratively facilitated by Universities Australia, the Australian Research Council (ARC), the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), the Australasian Research Management Society (ARMS), the Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL), the Council of Australian University Directors of Information Technology (CAUDIT), the Australian National Data Service (ANDS) and the Australian Access Federation (AAF).

The Australian research sector is working together to make research more accessible through the adoption of ORCID (http://orcid.org/), a unique identifier for researchers.

The consortium brings together forty institutions, including thirty-six universities, the Heart Research Institute, CSIRO, the Australian Research Council and the National Health and Medical Research Council NHMRC. The Australian Access Federation has been appointed as the national ORCID Consortium Lead and will provide support for institutions to maximise the benefits of ORCID within Australia (http://aaf.edu.au/orcid/).

ORCID, an international, interdisciplinary and not-for-profit organisation created in 2010, makes it possible to accurately link research publications, data, patents and other research activities to the right researcher. The broad benefits of ORCID are many, including:

- enabling researchers to interact with multiple institutions, publishers and funders in Australia and around the world, with all of their research activities clearly identified;
- simplifying administrative processes, reducing duplication of effort and improving efficiency at all levels of the system;
- supporting better data integration and analysis to assist with evaluation at an institutional and national level; and
- enhancing the online presence and exposure of Australian researchers and their research activities to the global market, industry partners and international collaborators.
The launch of the Australian ORCID Consortium marks an exciting new phase in improving access to Australian research and innovation, nationally and internationally.

Speakers at the launch include Nobel Laureate Professor Brian Schmidt AC, ANU Vice-Chancellor; Professor Keith Nugent, La Trobe University Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research); Professor Aidan Byrne, ARC CEO; Tony Krizan, NHMRC; Dr Laurel Haak, ORCID Executive Director; Dr Adrian Burton, ANDS and Linda O’Brien, CAUL.


The launch will coincide with a two-day international ORCID Outreach Meeting, being held for the first time in Australia. The program features international and local speakers, including Dr Laurel Haak, ORCID Executive Director and Professor Aidan Byrne, ARC CEO.

“The establishment of the Australian ORCID Consortium reflects the strength of the Australian research sector’s shared commitment to improve research management. It provides a foundation for the collaborative adoption of ORCID, which will enable streamlining of processes to assist researchers and ensure mutual benefits for research institutions and government agencies.”
Professor Aidan Byrne, CEO, Australian Research Council

“ORCID is an exciting solution to a world-wide problem of researcher identification at a time of tremendous growth in the global research endeavour. NHMRC strongly supports the ORCID initiative”.
Professor Anne Kelso, CEO, National Health and Medical Research Council

“Australia’s universities are seizing every opportunity to make their world-leading research and innovations more available to Australian industry and the broader community, and adopting ORCID is a critical part of this work”
Anne-Marie Lansdown, Deputy CEO, Universities Australia

“Addressing national challenges at the global scale requires Australian researchers to be connected into the global research network. ORCID will make these connections easier.”
Ross Wilkinson, representing the Australian National Data Service

“This provides an exciting opportunity to increase the visibility, and hence the impact, of the great work of Australian researchers.”
Linda O’Brien, representing the Council of Australian University Librarians

“Several research-leading nations, such as the United Kingdom and Denmark, are in the process of integrating ORCID identifiers into their local systems. The adoption of ORCID across the Australian research sector will position us as a global leader in research management practices.”
Michelle Duryea, representing the Australasian Research Management Society
Date:         Monday, 15 February 2016
Time:        5.30pm – 7pm
Venue:       Australian National University Commons Function Room,
              Corner Rimmer and Kingsley Streets, Acton, Canberra

The press are welcome to attend and there will be an opportunity for further comment and
photographs following the launch.

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