



Customer Newsletter – Spring 2019

Spring has definitely sprung, and as we enjoy a little sunshine we would like to take this opportunity to take a look back at what has happened since our last newsletter, as well as looking forward to what is happening as we move into the Summer.

In this newsletter we include updates on the REF CC and Reporting Framework plugins as well as IRUS updates and our latest public release of EPrints 3.4.

EPrints Services Management Team



In January we attended [The eLearning Symposium](#) on our own turf here in Southampton to share our latest updates on EdShare. Slides from the presentation can be found [here](#).

In March the latest EPrints User Group took place, generously hosted by UCL, and it was great to catch up with the community and share latest developments. A full round up of the day can be found [here](#) including links to presentations. The User Group also took the opportunity to discuss which development areas for EPrints should take priority, and assigned individuals from around the community to champion these issues and facilitate progress towards working on them.

This June sees Open Repositories 2019 coming to Hamburg, and once again we'll both be representing EPrints in the Repository Rodeo panel, as well as sponsoring the event! The panel offers an opportunity for repository developers to give an insight in to their repository offerings, as well as a look at future plans, and for a Q&A where we take questions from the floor about all things Open Repositories.

Unfortunately there will be no Repository Fringe this summer, however we are hoping that another EPrints User Group will take place soon - should anyone be keen to host another User Group then please do get in touch and we'd be happy to assist where we can.



REFCC / Reports Roll-out – We are continuing to support REF activities within the UK and have been rolled out updates to the REF Compliance Checker (REF CC) and Generic Reporting Framework (GRF) plugins to all of our supported customers. Research England have recently released a specification for submission formats, and we'll be applying an update to the REF Support plugin in order to allow repositories to generate submissions in the near future.

ORCID – ORCID have announced their new API v3.0 and we'll be working with the wider EPrints/ORCID community to update the ORCID Support Advance plugin so that it is ready for the new API.



We've also been involved with the Jisc Community ORCID Dashboard (COrDa) to help ensure that EPrints repositories are able to integrate with this new service in development for all those who are members of the Jisc ORCID Consortium.



IRUS-UK, the popular service which provides access statistics for many institutional repositories. IRUS-UK have recently announced a change to their service, which means updating the service address to which EPrints reports back to. We have updated all the repositories for which we are responsible, so your IRUS data will continue as before.

EPrints 3.4.1 – We are happy to announce the next public release of EPrints. 3.4.1 sees a number of small improvements, making EPrints more flexible and secure.



Our 3.4 customers will already be benefitting from these updates.

Along with the new core release, we have also released the Impact Flavour, offering impact story capturing. This was

produced with University of Glasgow.

For more details on 3.4.1, Impact, and other new features,
visit <https://eprints.org/uk/index.php/whats-new-in-3-4-1/>



Training – We are planning on running another customer EPrints administration training day in the coming months. Please get in touch if you are interested in attending.

Want to see some demos? – We have a new Arts Hub demo, which showcases some example content from a number of arts-centric repositories. To see this and more visit <https://eprints.org/demo>

Get involved! – Do you have any questions about any of the above? Do you have suggestions about what you would like to see covered in future newsletters? Would you like to write a short newsletter piece about work you've done, or we have done for you? If so then please do get in touch.

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If you have any questions on the above topics or anything else please [click here](#) to drop us an email.

