



Scopus Enhancement Group Meeting

University of Birmingham: 29th June 2011

Present:

Patti Biggs, Deputy Librarian, MRC National Institute for Medical Research
Peter Darroch, Product Sales Manager, Scopus, Elsevier
Michael Habib, Product Integration Manager, Scopus, Elsevier
Cameron Ross, Head of Product Management, Scopus, Elsevier
Carole Rhodes, Faculty Librarian, Science & Engineering, University of Liverpool (Minutes)
Nick Woolley, Information Resources Manager, King's College London (Chair)

Apologies:

Mary Barden, Electronic Resources Librarian, University of Bolton
Martin Snelling, Faculty Librarian for Engineering, University of Manchester

1. Future meetings of the Scopus Enhancement Group: scheduling and membership

Nick proposed a schedule for group meetings similar to other JIBS groups: ideally two a year. Meetings could be combined with or held on a day either side of other events such as UKSG or Online. Setting dates a long way in advance is preferred by the Elsevier reps: Peter is to take on the role of scheduler.

From Elsevier, Cameron and Peter will usually attend and will invite others from within the product group as appropriate. There is room for additional representation from institutions who subscribe to Scopus. It would be useful to invite a couple of E-Resources Managers or Subject Librarians from 1992 universities to join the group. Peter will supply the names of 1992 university customers to Nick who will investigate appropriate individuals to approach.

2. Communication

It was discussed how best to communicate changes to Scopus to those in the user community who need to know, particularly for updating their local customised guides with screenshots etc. Advance notice of changes to links or branding helps libraries to provide support to their users and also to publicise new features: a recent example is image searching in ScienceDirect. Peter has a mailing list of people 'at the sharp end' which he has used for recent updates. Messages about database interfaces changes (not marketing material) could usefully be sent to JISCmail lists such as lis-e-resources and lis-jibs-users to reach a wider audience.

3. Timing of release dates

Cameron announced that Scopus will have four release dates a year, one of which will be 10th September. The aim would be for major changes to be implemented in the 10th June release, which would give academic librarians the chance to update their own knowledge, user guides and Web content over the summer. A welcome new feature will be the streamlining of bibliographic export from Scopus into EndNote. Help pages also need to keep pace with the latest features.

4. Authentication

Nick highlighted some problems with Shibboleth which Cameron said he would follow up. It is possible to implement fixes outside the quarterly release dates.

5. Integration with discovery tools

There has been a promotional release about ScienceDirect integration with discovery tools. Scopus is in discussion with Primo, Summon and EBSCO.

6. Repository software

Scopus is compatible with repository software such as Symplectic and Pure and EPrints has cited by information from Scopus. It is possible for any repository or CRIS to extract metadata from Scopus.

7. Browser issues

Patti highlighted some JavaScript problems causing page displays to break up and requested support for Linux. Future releases will work on Firefox, Google Chrome and Opera and Scopus is also working on iPhone and Android apps.

8. Next meeting

In about six months time. Nick will liaise with Peter.