

JIBS Scopus Enhancement Group

New Hunt's House Library, Kings College London, 11 November 2013

Present:

Patti Biggs, Medical Research Council
Elizabeth Dyas, Senior Product Marketing Manager for Scopus and Engineering Village
Charles Martinez, Product Sales Manager for Scopus
Andria McGrath, Kings College London
Lynne Meehan, Kings College London
Carole Rhodes, University of Liverpool (Chair)
Cameron Ross, Head of Scopus and Engineering Village

Apologies:

Cath Marlowe (LJMU), Antony Osborne (Huddersfield), Sarah Taylor (Bolton).

1. Welcome and introductions

Carole welcomed Andria McGrath and Lynne Meehan to their first meeting.

2. Scopus Update and questions from group members

Cameron and Liz gave an update on the latest Scopus developments.

Andria and Patti highlighted problems with affiliations. Authors can only have one affiliation in Scopus and this causes difficulties for joint appointments, for instance in clinical roles.

Liz reported on the different ways Scopus is used – to conduct a search (87% of users), to access citation information (67%), to evaluate a researcher (36%).

There is a new Scopus author service team who focus on author profiles and have speeded up response times on merging duplicate records etc.

Books have been added to Scopus since August 2013 and by completion £75,000 e-books will be included in a Scopus subscription.

Funding information has also been included on records since June 2013 (retrievable via an Advanced search for Fund-sponsor, Fund-ACR, Fund-no.) The group requested that this field be included in the Refine options. Andria said it would be useful to have access to the FUNDREF list and to be able to export funding information.

Lynne raised the problem of multiple author IDs, such as the Scopus author ID and ResearcherID. ORCID was agreed to be the preferred author identifier.

In Scopus' January 2014 release, there will be a direct export link to Mendeley and improvements to the search interface. The ability to edit Search History was requested.

It was reported that 'View at publisher' was causing confusion at Bolton; this feature can be turned off to give more prominence to the institution's link resolver.

Students also have trouble understanding what the Download button offers them.

There was discussion of metrics, including 'h' index across different disciplines for researchers, together with SNIP and SJR via SCImago for journals.

The ways in which Scopus can interact with other products were discussed, such as applets to embed Scopus in LibGuides and APIs to communicate with Pure. The importance to users of remote access and access via mobile devices was emphasised.

It was debated how we might improve the operation of the JIBS Scopus Enhancement Group. We need a more effective means of gathering feedback and questions from a wider group of Scopus subscribers in advance of meetings, as well as more efficient ways of disseminating responses from the database providers afterwards. Scopus are keen to initiate two-way communication with their UK customer base - perhaps via email lists or an online forum to post questions and updates. Lynne Meehan will raise these questions at the next JIBS Committee meeting.

7. Date of next meeting

To be confirmed.