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Pilot online archive of academic staff's research is now set up.

UniS Scholarship Online, a Library project launched in December 2004, is making progress. The project addresses the issues related to freeing access to the research literature produced by Surrey staff. There is now a pilot open online repository of academic staff's research papers on http://epubs.surrey.ac.uk. The repository contains contributions from several Departments that have agreed to take part in the feasibility study to support open access. These contributions are published journal or conference papers, the full text of which is openly available online with the publishers' consent.

Recently, the Research Councils UK published a position paper (http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/access/statement.pdf) in support of open access. From 1 October 2005, grant holders funded by one of the RCUK will be required to place their research papers in an open repository. By launching this pilot repository, Surrey has anticipated changes in scholarly communication, joining a growing number of institutions in the UK and abroad that support free access to scholarly literature. Institutional repositories around the world follow the same standards to ensure interoperability. Regardless of the repositories' software platform, their content can be easily searched and accessed via one or more central search engines.

The content of the pilot repository is already searchable from Google and OAIster (http://oaister.umdl.umich.edu/o/oaister/). If you are a Surrey author and would like to add your papers, or have any questions related to the project, please contact Christine Daoutis on (68) 3314 or c.daoutis@surrey.ac.uk.

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Database news

The summer has been a busy time for database upgrades. Please note the following changes…

IBSS (International Bibliography of the Social Sciences)
- has moved to the Silverplatter interface at http://arc.uk.ovid.com/.
- links to full text articles are now available.

ISI Web of Knowledge
- new interface from 1st September.
- http://wok.mimas.ac.uk.

ISI Science Citation Index (part of Web of Knowledge)
- coverage stretching back to the year 1900.

Ovid (includes British Nursing Index, Cinahl, Medline, PsycArticles, PsycBooks, and YourJournals@Ovid).
- new interface

Silverplatter (including Dissertation Abstracts, FSTA, IBSS, IPSA, OSH-ROM, PAIS, PsycINFO and RILM)

- new interface.

IRIS CD-ROM network is retiring, after several years of service. Usage has declined dramatically over the last two years, and the software has reached the end of its useful life. Most of the databases previously available via the CD-ROM network, or appropriate alternatives, are now available via online via the Internet. If you have any questions about databases previously available on IRIS, please contact your Academic Liaison Librarian.

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Have you tried LinkSource yet?

- software that sits between our online bibliographic databases and our full-text e-journal subscriptions.
- lets you link seamlessly between the two.

When you are searching a bibliographic database, whether it's Web of Knowledge or PsycINFO, you will see the LinkSource logo (above) somewhere in the citation.

- Clicking on the logo brings up a menu of sources for the full text.
- If the University Library holds a subscription to the full text, a direct link will be listed.
- You can usually access the full text straight away (using the appropriate method to login, if you are off-campus).
- If we don't have a subscription to online full text, the menu gives you the option to search the Library Catalogue for print subscriptions, or Google for freely available versions.
- For more information see: http://portal.surrey.ac.uk/library/finding/linksource

Library Catalogue update
http://talis-prism.lib.surrey.ac.uk/TalisPrism/

- The catalogue PCs on every floor in the Library have been replaced. They also have new flat screen monitors and a more robust software build.

- The catalogue has a new facility to save your searches. When you have done a search, a *Save this Search* button appears at the top of the list of results. Click this, log in with your Library barcode number and PIN, and give your search a name. It will be saved, and you can access it in future from the *My Account* area (click *Saved Searches* at the top left). You can save up to 5 searches.

- A list of new titles added to the Library's stock is now available from the Home page of the catalogue. This is updated every Sunday with titles added during the previous week.

 Library 'Drop In' Sessions

There will be Library 'Drop In' Sessions in IT Room 2 between 1 and 2pm every Wednesday in Semester. The sessions start from Wednesday September 7th, 2005.

The 'Drop In' session is aimed at all users of the University Library and offers the opportunity to:

- Ask questions
- Solve problems
- Obtain help

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- If you forget or have not received your **Athens password** you can contact IT Services at student-support@surrey.ac.uk or staff-support@surrey.ac.uk