EVENTS SPECIAL

Membership meeting, 11-13 November 2009, St Andrews

General information

This events special on our autumn membership meeting gives some practical information as well as an outline of the programme. Not all details are known yet, but until the meeting you will get further service mails, the final agenda with the exact timetable and the list of participants.

With this Newsflash you also receive a Registration form. Please return the completed Registration form to the Secretary: eurocris@eurocris.org or m.l.h.lalieu@planet.nl before the 6th of November.

Travel - directions for transportation from Edinburgh airport to St Andrews

Either

1. Take Airlink 100 bus from Edinburgh airport to Haymarket Station and catch train to Leuchars. See http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/visiting/GettingtoStAndrews/

2. Take Airdirect 747 from Edinburgh airport to Inverkeithing Station and catch train to Leuchars. See http://www.airdirect747.com/index.htm

From Leuchars station there are buses to the centre of St Andrews or taxis are available.

Another option is taxi transport organised by the University of St Andrews. If arrivals are co-ordinated, the transport can be organised at the following rates, depending on the number of passengers: 1-2 £50 (i.e. £25 each); 3-4 £60; 5-6 £80; 7-8 £90. This rate is considerably better than just getting a taxi on arrival at Edinburgh airport; taxis have to be booked via Anna Clements. Please contact Anna at akc@st-andrews.ac.uk

Travel from Edinburgh airport to St Andrews by public transport will take about 2 hours, usually it is quicker via Inverkeithing. The taxi will take about 1 hour.
Another option is Dundee airport, but there are only flights to/from Birmingham or London City. For most people this would mean connections, but for some UK people it may be an alternative. You can get cheap flights particularly from Birmingham if you book in advance with Flybe.com. The price for a taxi from Dundee airport is about £25/30 and only takes 20 minutes. Public transport from Dundee airport doesn't exist!

Accommodation

A block booking has been made for 12 single rooms at the Greyfriars hotel for 3 nights (arrival on Tuesday the 10th of November; leave on Friday the 13th of November): http://www.greyfriarshotel.com/. The rate is 61.50 £ (c. 67 €) bed and breakfast per night. For Board members 6 rooms are held at the same rate for Monday the 9th. So, 6 rooms are available for 4 nights and 6 for 3 nights.

For online booking please use exclusively the following link created by the university, from which you can pay in advance and take advantage of this university rate: https://onlineshop.st-andrews.ac.uk/catalogue/productsearch.asp?s=eurocris. Please do not directly book with the hotel, as the rate will be higher (80 – 90 £).

NOTE: since there is a maximum of 12 rooms available, booking will proceed on a first come first served basis. There are other options in hotels and smaller guest houses. More details can be found at http://www.stayinstandrews.co.uk/hotel.html and http://www.stayinstandrews.co.uk/guest-house.html. From the meeting location details hereafter you should be able to see what is close.

Meeting venue

Lecture Theatre
Arts Building
University of St Andrews
The Scores
St Andrews, KY16 9AX

Building no 31 on Map of University downloadable from http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/maps/

Outline of the programme

Wednesday 11 November

euroCRIS overview session and business meeting

Based on the experiences with earlier sessions the Board has decided to combine the overview session with the business meeting in order to prevent redundancy of Board messages.

This session aims at giving a state-of-the art synopsis of euroCRIS and its main goals and activities and will provide a useful overview both for the novice Scottish audience and for euroCRIS members who are more familiar with the work of euroCRIS, but would like to have some guidance.

Recent activities will be highlighted and Sergey Parinov, Best Practice / DRIS Task Group Leader, will present and discuss his action plan, with emphasis on tools for the Directory of Research Information Systems (DRIS) and the update of the Code of Best Practice (last version dates from 2006).
Progress report new website

The ad hoc website task force (Anne Asserson, Brigitte Joerg, Harrie Lalieu) has assessed a new structure (menu) for the website. In essence this means that more information will be public, particularly the complete output of conferences, seminars and membership meetings. Currently the website is hosted by GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences at Bonn, Germany. The recent leave of our Board member Max Stemphuber from this institute to the Library of the RWTH (University of Technology) Aachen, in combination with the requirements for the new website necessitated reconsideration of the implementation and a permanent solution for hosting of the new website. The website task force will meet again on the 16\textsuperscript{th} of October in Antwerp and will report on the state of the art in this membership meeting.

CERIF tutorial

As has been done in recent membership meetings, Brigitte Joerg will give a 1.5-2 hours CERIF tutorial for interested members and for the Scottish CRIS & repository community. The basic concepts of the model, metadata and research information will be explained. An overview will be given of the structure, entities and relationships of the conceptual CERIF model and insight will be given into the semantic layer of CERIF. Finally, CERIF evolution, aim and ongoing activities will be dealt with and particular attention will be given to the latest extensions to CERIF 2008.

Scottish Country Dance (Ceilidh)

You are kindly invited to join an original Scottish country dance evening (Ceilidh), which is organised specially for us. A light supper will be provided and there will be a bar where you can buy your own drinks. Details and venue will be communicated soon.

\textit{Thursday 12 November}

Scottish session

Twenty (!) Scottish attendees have been booked already (although some can manage only 1 day) and there is already an extensive list of speakers. We look forward to interesting discussions! The following Scottish presentations have been confirmed so far (and hopefully there will be at least one more):

- Valerie McCutcheon, Operations Manager, Research and Enterprise, Glasgow University:
  \textit{“Glasgow University CRIS”}

- Lisa Rogers, [JournalTOCs], Bibliographical Data, Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh:
  \textit{“JISC project JournalTOCs”} \url{http://journaltocs.hw.ac.uk/API/blog/?p=67}

- Janet Aucock, Services Manager, University of St Andrews:
  \textit{“Benefits of linking a CRIS and Institutional Repository”}

- Manya Buchan, University of Edinburgh:
  \textit{“ERMIS (Edinburgh Research Management Information System)(currently in development)”}

- James Toon, ERIS Project Manager, Publications Repository, University of Edinburgh:
  \textit{“ERIS Project”} \url{http://eriscotland.wordpress.com/contacts/}

- Eugen Stoica, Manager Senior Research Policy, University of Edinburgh:
Jostein Hauge session

In this session euroCRIS members report about their work, with emphasis on recent achievements and innovations. From earlier membership meetings it has appeared that 2.5 hours is too tight for about 8 presentations and that more time is required for some more questions and discussion. Therefore we have decided to schedule a full afternoon session, thus allowing 20 minutes’ presentations with 5-10 minutes discussion.

So far three presentations have been confirmed:

- Marjan Vernooy, SURFfoundation, Utrecht, The Netherlands:
  “Enhanced publications – definition, demonstrator, long-term preservation”
  and
  “Conditions for a future CRIS in The Netherlands”

- Tor Øyvind Fosse & Anne Asserson, University of Bergen, Norway:
  “Connection between a CRIS and an institutional repository”.

There is room for 5-6 more presentations. You are kindly invited to send titles of your presentations to the Secretary.

Dinner

An arrangement for a group dinner has been made with an excellent sea food restaurant, http://www.theseafoodrestaurant.com, with magnificent views over West Sands and the Old Course beyond, and the North Sea. Participants will pay for themselves. Price of the menu will be 35 £ (c. 38.5 €) per head, including half a bottle of wine.

In view of the definite number of places to be reserved, please tick on the Registration form if you intend to join. Please also indicate any dietary wishes / restrictions. Vegetarian option is available if we notify beforehand.

Friday 13 November

CRIS Workshop on Data Modelling, Data Management and Information Architectures

The goal of the workshop is to give insight into issues concerned with data access in Current Research Information Systems (CRIS). Presentations will be given by organisations which have already implemented a CERIF compatible CRIS and now want to share their experiences when it comes to data storage, modelling of the data access layer, usage of software tools during specification, development and testing, and adapting their CRIS to the evolving CERIF standard. Additionally, these aspects will be presented in the context of commercial systems which natively store information in a CERIF compatible way or which can be adapted to represent or export using CERIF. The final session of the workshop will not only give room for discussion but will also introduce the new euroCRIS Task Group named "CRIS Architecture and Development". The mission of this TG will be to develop a model and a process able to bridge the current gap between the CERIF standard and the actual implementation of a CRIS, which also includes standards for standalone services which can
be integrated into CRIS on the basis of e.g. CERIF-XML. euroCRIS members are still welcome to suggest their (or other's) system to be presented at the workshop with regard to the workshop topics. Contact: Max Stempfhuber (stempfhuber@bth.rwth-aachen.de)

_In order to enable people to catch their return flights the workshop will end at 4 p.m. latest._

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**CRIS 2010**  
*Connecting Science with Society – The Role of Research Information in a Knowledge-Based Society*

Unlike originally communicated, our next conference will be held from **2-5 June 2010** at the University of Aalborg. The reason for this shift of one week is a big conference in Aalborg organised by the Danish government in the last week of May, due to which insufficient hotel rooms would be available in the city centre.

The Call for Papers has been recently published. Deadline for submission is **November 15th, 2009**. Details of the submission formats are available from the conference site: [www.cris2010.org](http://www.cris2010.org).

*We would like to kindly ask the euroCRIS members to announce CRIS 2010 on their websites or give publicity to it otherwise.*