

OCLC Research and euroCRIS announce strategic partnership

DUBLIN, Ohio, USA / THE HAGUE, The Netherlands, 18 October 2017—[OCLC Research](#) and [euroCRIS](#), the international organization for research information, announce a strategic partnership to recognize and understand international research information management practices through collaborative research. The two organizations signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) earlier this year.

Research information management (RIM) is the aggregation, curation, and utilization of information about research and is emerging as an area of increasing interest and relevance in many university libraries. RIMs, also broadly known as Current Research Information Systems (CRISs), are gaining interest and attention worldwide for their contribution in dealing with new policies on open science, research funding, and national assessment.

RIM intersects with many aspects of traditional library services in discovery, acquisition, dissemination, and analysis of scholarly activities, and does so through the nexus with institutional data systems, researcher workflows, and institutional partners. RIM adoption offers libraries new opportunities to support institutional and researcher goals.

"We are delighted to be working in partnership with euroCRIS," said Rebecca Bryant, Senior Program Officer for the OCLC Research Library Partnership (RLP). "OCLC Research is keen to understand the increasing role of libraries in research information management, and how RIM is increasingly intersecting with other areas of growing library interest, such as research data management. We have a growing body of research on these issues, and partnership with euroCRIS will enable us to extend this work.

According to Ed Simons, President of euroCRIS, the MOU between OCLC and euroCRIS represents an important next step toward a further integration and "joining of forces" of the international library community on the one hand, and the research administration and information community on the other. "Both communities hold complementary expertise concerning research information, the sharing and combination of which is indispensable in order to create optimal solutions and services in the field of Research Information Management," said Simons.

OCLC Research staff, euroCRIS board members, and librarians from OCLC Research Library Partnership institutions have been working together since early 2017 to develop a Survey on Research Information Management Practices, which will offer research institutions worldwide the opportunity to share information about their practices. OCLC Research and euroCRIS will synthesize these survey findings into a research report expected in 2018. This survey will launch later in October. OCLC Research and euroCRIS will synthesize these survey findings into a research report expected in 2018. More about this project is on the [OCLC Research](#) website.

About OCLC

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euroCRIS is an international nonprofit, statutory association (www.eurocris.org), governed by Dutch law, dedicated to the development and implementation of efficient and effective research information systems and infrastructures on an institutional, national as well as international level, and to promote cross-system interoperability based on CERIF (Common European Research Information Format). In order to achieve this one of euroCRIS's main objectives is the promotion of cooperation and exchange of expertise between stakeholders in the research information domain, in particular by setting up Strategic Partnerships with international organisations in the field of Research Information Management.