Building an Institutional Research Repository Based on User Requirements – a University of Southampton Case Study

Southampton’s Institutional Repository (IR) Route Map to Open Access

- Open Access Paradigm Shift
- Other Institutional Repositories
- e-Research
- Institutional Research Repository with full text
- Open Access Vision
- EPrints Software
- JISC FAIR Programme
- Research Policy Committees
- University, Faculty and Schools
- Pilot Schools
- Research Reporting Requirements: University, National, International
- Institutional Research Repository with RAE management
- Moving towards sustainable open access institutional repository
- Target: academic research
- Creation of e-Prints Soton
- Initial Advocacy
- Environmental audit
- Media design for IR
- Mediation offered
- Project cluster collaboration
- Demonstrate potential of IR as RAE tool
- Import existing metadata
- Collaborate with researchers to encourage proactive input
- Address authentication and branding issues
- Develop extra functionality
- Pilot and Feedback: One record – many outputs
- Saving academics’ time
- Policies and strategy change
- Redirection to Southampton University Publications Database
- Targeted Advocacy
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  - Supplementary materials
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