

# Open Scholarship & research reporting in tandem: creating more value

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#### Introduction

- Purpose of this presentation:
  - Overview of collaboration between Open Scholarship Office and Department Research and Innovation Support
  - Result: successful linking of papers/articles in UPSpace to annual research report of 2007
- ▶ Tandem: in Latin adverb meaning at length or finally
- ▶ Term refers to a team working together
- Universities provide output in the form of research papers/articles
- Libraries set up repositories to manage the output

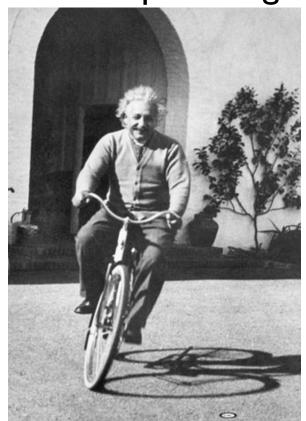






## Libraries should play a role...

Life is like riding a bicycle - in order to keep your balance, you must keep moving. ~Albert Einstein







#### The captain or Front drive



- Front rider is the captain/pilot/steersman
- Responsibilities:
  - Control the bike and steering
  - Keep the stoker happy!
- Captain: Open Scholarship Office and openUP (research article collection)
- Forms part of UPSpace: launched in 2006
- Aims:
  - To change scholarship practice at UP towards becoming an open scholarship institution
  - To provide open access to UP research and scholarship African





## Open scholarship characteristics



- Online and open availability of:
  - Theses and dissertations (<a href="http://upetd.up.ac.za/UPeTD.htm">http://upetd.up.ac.za/UPeTD.htm</a>)
  - Research and conference papers (<u>https://www.up.ac.za/dspace/</u>)
- Researchers and students:
  - Actively use open access material
  - Manage the copyright of their publications
  - Publish in accredited open access journals
- ▶ The institution:
  - Publish its own online open access journals or provide infrastructure and support to members
    - Publishing house's publications are also open access







#### openUP



- Collection in UPSpace
- Offers free, unrestricted open access to full text of research papers/articles published by UP staff, students and affiliates
- Articles are submitted to relevant department's collection
- Mapped to openUP
- Current total 2903
- openUP research articles are identical to research output in the Research Information System (RIS)





## The Stoker/Back drive



- Rear rider with the responsibility to generate power
- Stoker: Department of Research & Innovation Support
- Legal requirement for universities to account research for subsidy purposes (Higher Education Act, 1997)
- Research output: journals, books & conference proceedings
  - Submitted annually for preceding year
  - DoE panel evaluates the submissions before 15 May
- Journals accepted for audit purposes:
  - Science Citation Index, Social Sciences Citation Index, Arts & Humanities Citation Index (ISI)
  - ▶ IBSS journals & DoE list of approved SA journals





## The Research Information System



- Departments provide information via the RIS
- Deans appoint RIS coordinators in each faculty:
  - Coordinate the capture process
  - Ensure completeness and correctness of data
- Research output is audited by external auditors
- Allocation of units are calculated according to policy
- Data fields:
  - Authors and affiliations
  - Title of article
  - Journal title, vol, no, month, page numbers
  - ISSN number etc.





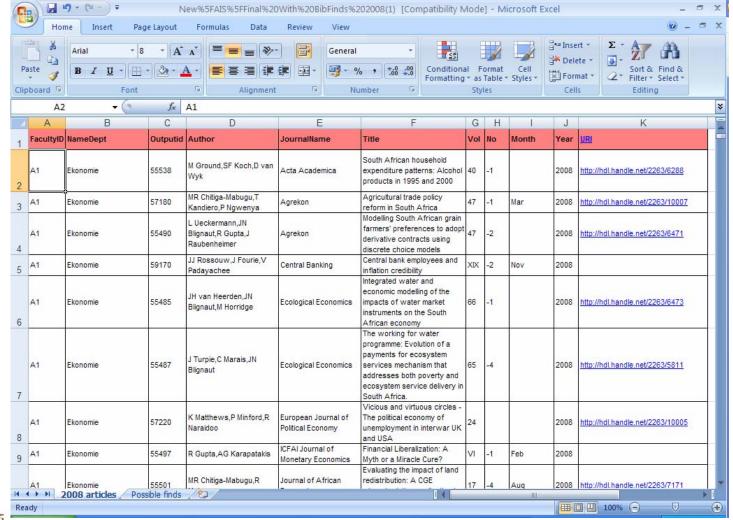
#### The Drive chain – Research report

- Drive chain transfer power from the pedals to the rear wheel
- Drive chain: Research report is published annually (http://web.up.ac.za/default.asp?ipkCategoryID=1630)
- Open Scholarship Office approached Dept of Research & Innovation Support in 2007
- Suggested new cooperative strategy to enhance Research report
- ▶ The Dept's aim: promote research development
- Open Scholarship Office's aim: open access to research
- Strategy was discussed to exchange data





#### Data exchange via Excel









## The Drive chain – Research report



- Open Scholarship Office was tasked to:
  - Check the list against articles in UPSpace
  - Add the URI (Uniform Resource Identifier) to the list
  - Report missing data or additional articles
- Open Scholarship Office
  - Virtual team
  - ▶ 19 submitters
  - ▶ 13 metadata editors





## The Drive chain – Research report



#### **2008**:

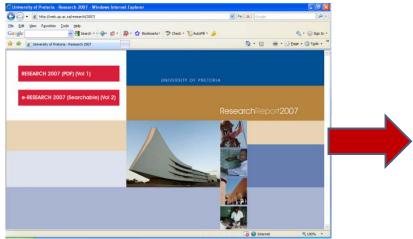
- Identified 21 additional articles available in openUP
- Not captured by RIS
- Would possibly have been "lost"
- Additional 13.83 units were added to audit certificate
- R90 000 per unit for 2007
- ▶ Total articles in Report 1531
- Total linked 863 (openUP) 56%
- ▶ 2009: (still in process)
  - Identified ± 65 additional 2008 articles
  - ??? units and R???







#### UP Research report 2007

















#### Creating more value

- Two departments shared goals of maximizing research impact by maximizing research output
- New co-operative strategy was mutually beneficial
  - Open Scholarship Office/Captain: had access to output
  - Dept/Stoker: received additional funding & enhanced the Report with metadata and full text
- We believe this will result in higher citations
- Collaboration has resulted:
  - More effective research reporting
  - Our repository has become valuable tool in research process
  - Enhanced research access and visibility







#### The road ahead

- Linking theses and dissertations
- Strengthening ties with data capturers
- Automatic exchange of data between RIS, UPSpace and Oracle's PeopleSoft (comprehensive business application)
- Sharing data is essential
- "Librarians need to ask, what is the relationship of open access repositories to those databases of research publications" - (Joint 2008)



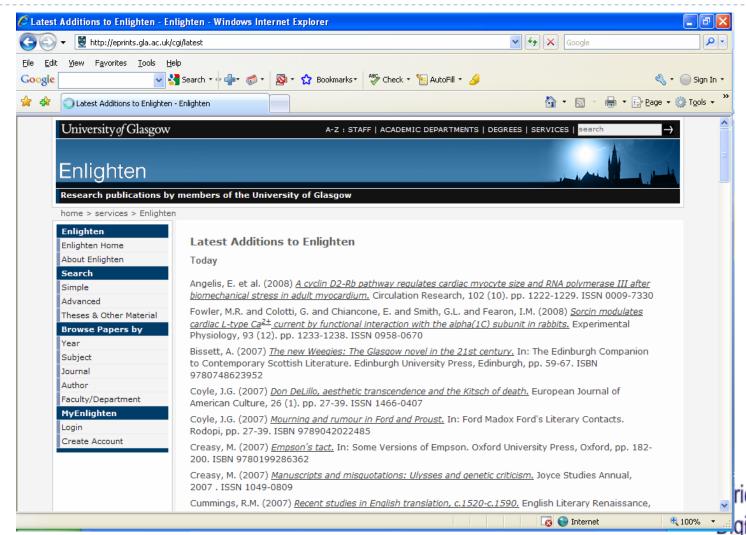




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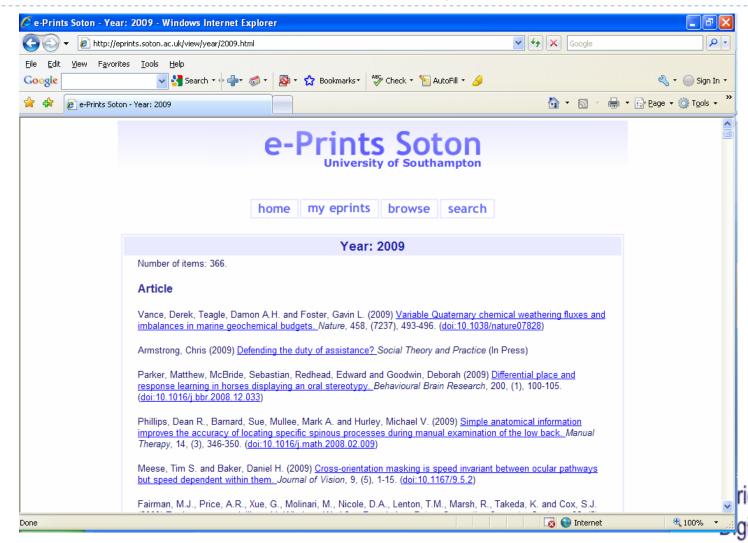








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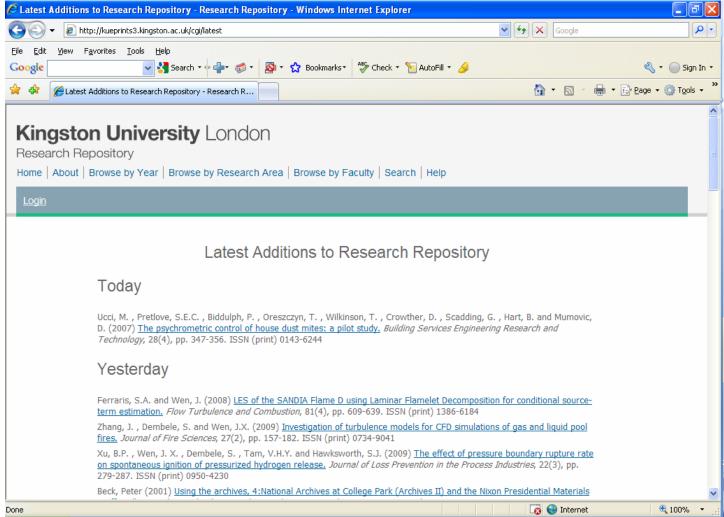
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## Kingston University







#### Conclusion



- Cycling is rewarding, but a tandem adds a new dimension
  - Differing strengths and ability to ride together
  - Solitary activity becomes a mutual experience
- New collaborative effort creates more value for university
- Complementary roles
- Add significant value in UP research arena
- UP first higher education institution to achieve this milestone
- This tandem…keeps on moving!



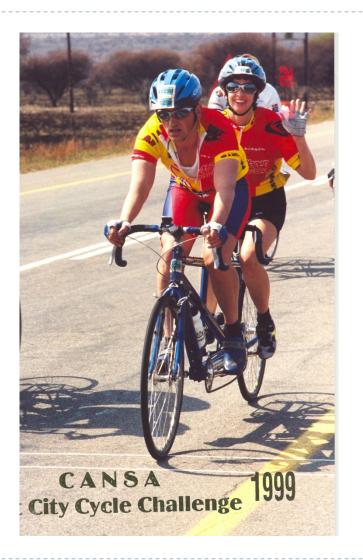


## Thank you!

#### Questions for the Stoker?

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