

Author ID's: enhance visibility and accessibility: Workshop 2

Recommendations from workshop participants

The purpose of the workshops was to develop an action plan for the library to support UP researchers with research visibility and accessibility. After having attended one or both workshops, participants suggested the following strategies to consider to be implemented:

Give evidence of the importance of the value of the visibility of a researcher. Maybe on Elsabe's powerpoint presentations for plasma screens or via our communication channels e.g. Campus wide news. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating".

Another suggestion is to present Open sessions in labs in the faculties. They must be marketed in advance to researchers that there will be library staff available to assist them. The HODs should also send email to their research staff saying that they must make themselves available to be assisted to create researchers ID's. The message needs to be promoted across from the top down in order to streamline processes.

Have a Researcher ID campaign (*Make your research matter!*) for one month with Information Specialists available to assist and train researchers. Suggestion: middle January to middle February. The library needs to promote awareness of researcher / author IDs and the benefits of it for researchers. Each information specialist should start informing their departments about the benefits of the author ID's and assist them to create their own. Leti and Sunette should try to get the use of it on policy level and get it accepted by university senate.

Supporting researchers generally requires that Information Specialists must develop certain skills and knowledge, and I think both workshops imparted those.

Dr Leti Kleyn suggested that the creation of Author IDs has to be mandatory and this has to be formulated as a policy in order to reinforce researchers' cooperation. Several other participants also agreed with this proposal.

In conclusion, the Library needs to convince Faculty, DRIS & UP exec of the value of implementing author IDs; finalise policy; offer workshops to support researchers in creating IDs and populating their records. It is the information specialists' responsibility to act as trusted individuals in ORCID for members to help add retrospective works.