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From the outgoing President

First I would like to thank all euroCRIS members for your membership and support; I trust you find euroCRIS valuable in your work.

Second I would like to thank the outgoing Board of euroCRIS – although in fact the majority return in the 'new Board' starting January 2013. I thank particularly the Board members stepping down this time – Geert van Grootel and Anne Asserson - who have done so much to make euroCRIS a success; I wish the new Board even more success under the Presidency of Ed Simons and particularly welcome the new members.

Third I would like to urge you all to be as active as you can in euroCRIS; the Task Groups are a great source of shared knowledge about aspects of CRIS and the Member Meetings a great opportunity to share experiences (see the reports in this Newsflash). The projects generate valuable IP for euroCRIS and experience for participants – and even some funding! The conference is a showcase for our work and for interacting with other communities – we are having a noticeable influence on many of them including the Institutional Repository community, the Grey literature community, librarians, data archivists and others. The setting up of the new Indicators Task Group should launch another thread of activity of great relevance to our community and beyond.

10 years ago a small group of people decided to make euroCRIS (then a loosely coordinated group of people with a variety of views on CRIS) into a legal organization. It was a daunting challenge but we had faith and hope. Since then euroCRIS has grown in membership, in influence (mainly through strategic partnerships / the strategic seminar series but also through the conference series) and in intellectual property – mainly through the Task Groups and more recently through national and EC-funded projects. The next years will doubtless be exciting and stimulating with many new challenges – technical, socio-economic and political. The new Board will have to utilise all its collective wisdom to steer a course through what lies ahead. At CRIS 2012 I proposed a vision for CRIS in the future: I am curious to see if my predictions (or aspirations) turn out to be correct.

It has been an honour to lead euroCRIS through its infancy and early adolescence. The Board has dealt with many challenges both within and outside the organization. The new Board has to deal with the equivalent of the 'terrible teenage' years and steer euroCRIS through to maturity. I am confident that – based on its solid foundations – euroCRIS has a great future. I tried to step down as President 4 years ago and 2 years ago since I do not believe in long presidencies but no-one would accept the nomination. Although stepping down from the Board I am not disappearing; I expect to be active in various task groups and at Member Meetings so I look forward to meeting many of you in the future.

Membership issues

From the 30th of October we have welcomed the following new members:

-   Gaurav Gogia (gaurav.gogia@thomsonreuters.com), has succeeded John Langton as delegate of Thomson Reuters
-   Mariano Navarro (mnavarro@grandir.com) has joined as 2nd delegate of GrandIR
-   Mark Akoev, Ural Federal University, Monitoring Centre of Science and Education, Ekaterinenburg, Russa (affiliate) / m.a.akoev@ustu.ru / http://urfu.ru/en/home/
-   As of the 1st of January, Valérie Brasse, Corporate IS/IT Manager at the European Science Foundation (ESF), will leave the organization. She has joined as personal member (vbrasse@is4ri.com). Patrice Vallet (pvallet@esf.org) and David Zachayus (dzachayus@esf.org), members of the ESF IS/IT team have joined as new representatives of ESF
-   Matthew Alexander Taylor, London School of Economics (institutional) / taylorma@lse.sc.uk / http://www.lse.ac.uk
-   Olivia Pestana, Universidade do Porto, Centro de Estudios das Tecnologias e Ciências da Comunicação, Porto, Portugal (affiliate) / opestana@letras.up.pt / http://www.cetacmedia.org
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►Membership fees from 2014

From the establishment as an independent not-for-profit association in 2002 euroCRIS has had three types of memberships (institutional, personal and affiliate) with annual fees of 250, 50 and 25 € respectively. These fees are modest. When they were assessed the idea was to keep the threshold for joining euroCRIS low and attract as many institutions and experts as possible. This policy has been successful and we can now pride ourselves on a flourishing network of about 169 institutions, with altogether 308 delegates in 41 countries.
euroCRIS re-invests income from membership fees and donations into the organization. So the members get value for money.

Gradually euroCRIS has become involved in many national and international projects and, as exemplified by the TG meeting days of this year in Bath and Madrid, the Task Groups are very active. In particular, a lot of development work is done in the CERIF, LOD and Best Practice-DRIS TGs. This means an increasing effort from Board members beyond their regular activities and hence cost for additional meetings and travels beyond the annual euroCRIS events. Moreover, euroCRIS urgently needs a CERIF test database and compliance mechanism; this requires substantial investments.

Over the first decade of its existence as association euroCRIS has developed strongly and has a lot more to offer to the members than in the beginning. Considering increased activities and services and taken inflation over the years into account, the Board has decided that 2013 will be the last year in which the above-mentioned membership fees will be valid.

From 2014 the fees will be raised with 20% to 300 € for an institutional, 60 € for a personal and 30 € for an affiliate membership. From 2015 the fees will be slightly increased periodically, taking the inflation rate into account.

DRIS *(by Sergey Parinov, on behalf of Best Practice-DRIS and CRIS-IR Task Groups)*

We are pleased to announce to you the start of the registration for the **Directory of Research Information Systems (DRIS)** of euroCRIS.

DRIS will serve as a source of references for academic and governmental institutions interested in building such a system. In the tradition of similar services for Open Access Repositories and Research Infrastructures, euroCRIS aims to build a comprehensive inventory of research information systems across Europe and beyond. Please support us by donating information about your CRIS systems!

At the DRIS Directory web page (http://www.eurocris.org/DRISListAll.php?order=cfTitle) you can see the current DRIS contents. At the main DRIS web page (http://www.eurocris.org/Index.php?page=DRIS&t=1) you can find submission and data policy as well as a link to the DRIS short guide. Links to register / update your CRIS are also there.

Each member will receive a mailing with user name and password shortly.

In the DRIS guide (http://www.eurocris.org/Index.php?page=DRIS_guide&t=1) and in a flash video instruction for the DRIS registration (http://www.eurocris.org/DRIS_Help/index.htm) you can find how to log in and fill in a form with your CRIS data. If more than one representative is registered for your organization, please decide among yourselves who will take responsibility for the registration of your DRIS.

While we launch DRIS, a parallel survey is conducted, composed by the euroCRIS Task Group on CRIS and Institutional Repositories (CRIS-IR). The information gathered will not be published in DRIS. But the data are of importance for the work of the CRIS-IR Task Group. So you are kindly invited to complete the second part of the questionnaire if appropriate.

We are looking forward to your registrations!

CERIF TG, 10th-11th October 2012, Athens, Greece – summary meeting report *(by Brigitte Jörg)*

During the Athens meeting two highest priority items were identified from the beforehand distributed list – namely Model Cleaning and Research Data. Within the course of model cleaning, identifiers were discussed extensively – there is still a need for a better clarification with respect to distinction from electronic addresses. The definition of internal/external to a CRIS system was discussed and found adequate. It was noted that

external does not necessarily imply public. The three Research Data standards CKAN, DCAT, eGMS were investigated during the meeting to support participants' understanding of "Research Data", and a thorough discussion towards the current CERIF model coverage and hence the required extensions followed. It started from the cfResultProduct entity based on the knowledge of participating parties and the mentioned standards' analysis guided by the C4D contribution. A first set of "Dataset" related entities and link entities, attributes, roles and types as a result are available from the meeting, as well as the proposed extensions. In addition to the distributed agenda items, the cfClass/cfClassScheme construct and possible change implications were discussed alongside the underlying meaning of a concept/term behind a uuid. The huge effort of maintaining a CERIF vocabulary without tools (in Excel only) triggered discussions as to the core business of CERIF TG, where vocabularies are very essential in the uptake and application of CERIF, but where CERIF also allows and indeed encourages the re-use of existing vocabularies (e.g. the CASRAI Dictionary; VIVO concepts, …) following *business* requirements.

Some items relevant with CERIF XML as an interchange format and its slight differences from the relational model were discussed. This concerns identifiers, but also the mandatority of attributes (it also points to the approach of CERIF LOD as presented by Miguel-Angel in the LOD TG meeting).

The participants identified the critical importance of having tools to support vocabulary development and management,; mappings of various standards to CERIF; and web communication. It was therefore agreed that special task group meetings will be held alongside the euroCRIS Membership meeting on November 8th in Madrid, for hands-on with mappings and for a roadmap in this particular respect.

In general the participants agreed that frequent technical CERIF model releases are important, but specification documents need not be updated in the same frequency. A few more 1.x technical CERIF releases will therefore happen before the major CERIF 2.0 model update. However, a CERIF XML specification is planned before the end of the year, because there is not yet a specification available for guidance with the new (embedded) XML structure since CERIF 1.4. As to the next priority agenda items, the focus is on Research Data.

CERIF Support Project: New Blog Setup *(by Brigitte Jörg)*

The CERIF Support blog http://www.cerifsupport.org/ has been set up to support CERIF activities in the UK and beyond. The idea is to start with short, regular posts that contribute to the understanding of CERIF, providing a variety of perspectives. These will provide a sound basis of descriptions that can then be used for guidance and as a form of reference. It is hoped that they contribute to consistency with implementations. There will be also soon invited guest posts to extend the reach of the blog even further. If you are interested in CERIF or implementing CERIF, you will find valuable posts and examples that contribute to your CERIF knowledge, and you will be kept up-to-date with what is going on in the UK and beyond. So, stay tuned: http://www.cerifsupport.org/

Two Peas in a Pod – CASRAI and CERIF *(by Brigitte Jörg)*

In the recent 'CASRAI UK Summit' convened by CASRAI and JISC in London, first results of an ongoing collaborative work undertaken by Thorsten Höllrigl (AVEDAS), Brigitte Jörg (JISC ISC, UKOLN, euroCRIS) and David Baker (CASRAI, euroCRIS) were presented. Following a default business setup, the first steps of a CASRAI to CERIF mapping are done – directed by and guided through the CASRAI profiles as available from the CASRAI online dictionary. A first

proof of concept transformation that includes more technical mappings and consistency checking is being prepared for an 'Abridged CV Profile'. The work will be continued and reported.

More information is available and will be continued from the CERIF support blog: http://www.cerifsupport.org/2012/12/17/cerif-casrai-profiling/

CERIFying CVN in Spain

During the membership meeting in Madrid, Cristina González Copeiro and David Arellano of FECYT (Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology) presented the CVN project (Currículum Vítae Normalizado), which aims at standardizing CVs to exchange research information among research systems.

Recently, on the 24th of October, CVN has become the mandatory way to provide CVs for researchers wishing to apply for the Spanish research programmes 'Ramón y Cajal', 'Juan de la Cierva', 'Personal Técnico de Apoyo' and 'Torres Quevedo' (see http://www.boe.es/boe/dias/2012/10/24/pdfs/BOE-A-2012-13213.pdf). This means that the CVN will have a lot of impact and will enable FECYT to extend CVN coverage to practically all researchers in Spain.

In its meeting in Madrid the euroCRIS Board has decided to set up a temporary euroCRIS-FECYT Working Group to extend CVN to full CERIF compatibility. This will enable Spanish researchers, research managers, innovators, the media an the public to have a more complete picture of research in Spain. Furthermore it will permit interoperation with all the other CERIF compatible systems throughout Europe and wider so allowing a full European view and for users in other countries to have a view of Spanish research activity.

The first meeting of this group will be held January 2013. Main agenda items will be: aims and objectives, tasks to be done with time-scales and resource estimates, and dissemination channels to be used.

RCUK Gateway to Research launched

On the 12th of December Research Councils UK have released the first phase of the Gateway to Research (GtR) portal and dataset, a beta release: http://gtr.rcuk.ac.uk. It has been demonstrated to the government minister. The presentation was very well received.

Under the 'About' anchor the text mentions CERIF. The software will be made available open source. For more information, see http://blogs.rcuk.ac.uk/2012/12/11/introducing-the-beta-gateway-to-research/

euroCRIS and COAR join forces building up a mutual partnership

On the 6th of November, during the membership meeting in Madrid, **euroCRIS** and **COAR e.V.** have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish and promote a cooperative relationship.

The [Confederation of Open Access Repositories (COAR)](#) is an international association of Open Access Repository initiatives and networks, envisioning a global knowledge infrastructure. It aims to facilitate greater visibility and application of research through a global network of open access repositories, based on interoperability and international cooperation.

euroCRIS and COAR share a vision of open and accessible research results and objectives to promote seamless knowledge infrastructures. Both organisations agree on their joint objectives to develop international cooperation for repositories embedded within research information infrastructures. The motivation for this partnership is to share knowledge and experience, to support each other's endeavours in the field defined in the agreement.

Alicia López Medina (COAR) and Keith Jeffery (euroCRIS) have just signed the Memorandum of Understanding

CILEA and the University of Hong Kong release the DSpace CRIS module
(communication by Susanna Mornati, CILEA and David Palmer, HKU; joint press release)

CILEA and the University of Hong Kong (HKU) are pleased to announce the immediate availability for download of the first alpha release of the DSpace CRIS module. This DSpace add-on enables the ingestion, storage, display and management of metadata and full-text on these other research entities. This module produces a smooth integration between native DSpace items (publications) and other CRIS entities All entities (native DSpace items or new CRIS entities) can be linked with each other using autocomplete / lookup functions in the submission edit phase and the inter-navigation in visualizations.
We plan to introduce CERIF-XML compliance at a later stage.

This is the first public release. Richer versions with more features and functionality will appear soon. These are described in the DSpace CRIS Roadmap page: https://github.com/CILEA/dspace-cris/wiki/Roadmap
Most of these features are now in the HKU Scholars Hub: http://hub.hku.hk
The current version works on a customized version of DSpace 1.8.2 JSPUI and can be installed by following the instructions provided here: https://github.com/CILEA/dspace-cris/wiki/Installation.
We expect to release a complete upgrade of the DSpace CRIS module to DSpace 3 in the

coming months. Some of this code base will make its way into general DSpace releases, such as "Solr Discovery for JSPUI" in DSpace 3. However we envision that most of this work will be an optional add-on, which DSpace developers can choose to implement or not. In the spirit of open source, we hope that this DSpace CRIS module will receive wide adoption in the DSpace community. We hope that many will find useful and then build further upon this start. To enable this desired multilateral collaboration, we ask that you send any inquiries directly to the DSpace mailing lists (mainly dspace-tech@lists.sourceforge.net).[1]

Up to now, this has been a collaboration between CILEA and HKU. The HKU side is supported by funding from the HKU Office of Knowledge Exchange and the University Libraries.

23rd International CODATA Conference "Open Data and Information for a Changing Planet, 28-31 October 2012, Taipei, Taiwan *(by Brigitte Jörg)*

To further strengthen the strategic partnership with CODATA, a joint paper was prepared and presented at the CODATA 23 conference in Taipei 2012, together with Anne-Françoise Cutting-Decelle (Ecole Centrale de Lille, CODATA France and University of Geneva/ICLE), Nikos Houssos (EKT, euroCRIS), Miguel-Angel Sicilia (University of Alcala, euroCRIS), and Keith Jeffery (STFC, euroCRIS).

Where the paper and presentation introduced the *Use and Trends for the Future with CERIF-CRIS* systems, discussions towards possible next steps or more hands-on engagements have started during the conference and are being continued amongst the CODATA and euroCRIS delegates, preparing for the proposal of a joint working group or even a task group with CODATA, early next year.

Links:
http://www.codata.org/taskgroups/index.html

http://www.codata.org/Taipei/Abstracts/G1%20-%20CERIF-CRIS,%20A%20Research%20Information%20Model%20for%20Decision%20Support%20-%20%20Use%20and%20Trends%20for%20the%20Future.pdf

Autumn Membership Meeting, 5-6 November 2012, Madrid

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[1] A note on mailing list etiquette : https://wiki.duraspace.org/display/DSPACE/Mailing+List+Etiquette

On the 5th and the 6th of November our autumn meeting took place in Madrid in the magnificent ambiance of the Residencia de Estudiantes. It was the biggest membership meeting ever with on the first day an attendance of over 80 people, about 50 of whom were representing the Spanish CRIS, IR and library communities. We thank Pablo de Castro and his GrandIR colleagues very much for organising this wonderful meeting. Our special thanks go to Aurelia Andrés and her colleagues at FECYT without whom this event would simply not have been possible: not only they sponsored it, but they provided a key support in organisational issues. And thanks also to Marta Cosín and the rest of the staff at the Residencia for their efficient support.

The programme of the first day was densely packed. In the *euroCRIS business session* the newly elected Board was presented. Following the business session Jan Dvořák gave the *CERIF tutorial* instead of Brigitte Jörg, who just returned from the CODATA Conference in Taipei, Taiwan.

In the *Spanish session* an overview was given of the state of the art of CRIS implementation and integration with open access repositories in Spain by Pablo de Castro. This was illustrated in further presentations with implementations of i.a. the Polytechnic University of Catalunya and the Andalusian regional government. The focus in the Spanish RIM landscape is on the Normalized Curriculum Vitae (CVN), which is developing towards a national standard to exchange research information. The plan is to extend CVN to full CERIF compatibility (for more details, see the section above).
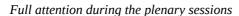
The *Jostein Hauge session* covered visualisations of the Dutch research landscape developed by the Digital Archiving and Networked Services (DANS) from NARCIS, revealing a network of experts and knowledge organisations in the Netherlands; a case study on federation and the necessity of standards by AVEDAS; the establishment of the DINI Working Group "Research Information Systems" (AG-FIS) in Germany, which aims at making recommendations and promoting best practice for CRIS systems in German universities and research institutions; and a discourse on participation, transparency and compliance aspects connected with the struggling for acceptance in implementing a CRIS in the era of new public management.

In addition to agenda of the Jostein Hauge session, Susanna Mornati and Michele Mennielli reported on the recent merge of three Italian research organisations – CASPUR, CILEA and CINECA – into one national supercomputing consortium. Finally, Keith Jeffery as outgoing President sketched in a bird's eye view the 10 years' history of euroCRIS since its establishment as not-for-profit association and gave his view on the future covering both technical and non-technical aspects.

In the *Topic session Identifiers* Brigitte Jörg explained how the CERIF 1.5 model supports the incorporation and maintenance of persistent identifiers. The latest release includes a new 'federated identifier' entity, which allows linkage to external records or systems. Consol García presented ORCID, a registry of persistent unique identifiers for global author identification. Pablo de Castro discussed the pre-ORCID situation and a successive-stage strategy for the implementation of ORCID in Spain and the value of a (CERIF) CRIS for

ORCID implementation. In addition to the official agenda, Eduardo Bergasa gave a presentation on Dialnet, a portal to Spanish journals offering author disambiguation by a persistent ID.

Full attention during the plenary sessions

Spanish session

The second day started with the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between euroCRIS and COAR (see above) and the official inauguration of the new Indicators TG by Keith Jeffery. Anna Clements gave a brief introduction to Snowball Metrics and Lisa Colledge presented the Snowball Metrics Recipe Book.[2]

Then the Linked Open Data (LOD), Best Practice / DRIS and CRIS-IR Task Groups met separately to introduce themselves to newcomers, present their work programmes and discuss the latest developments. In a joint session of Best Practice / DRIS and CRIS-IR the new Directory of Research Information Systems (DRIS) and the CRIS-IR survey were presented (see above for details).

Best Practice-DRIS TG meeting

Signpost to the Residencia de Estudiantes

All presentations are available on the membership meeting page. Many thanks to Rosemary Russell and Brigitte Jörg for publishing an extensive report on this meeting, with a lot more background information, on Ariadne: http://www.ariadne.ac.uk/issue70/eurocris-2012-11-rpt, to which we refer you for more details.

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[2] On the 28th of November a Snowball Metrics webinar was given. The final webcast has now been archived on www.snowballmetrics.com and is available for on-demand viewing at your convenenience.

Fourteenth International Conference on Grey Literature (GL14) Rome, 29-30 November 2012 *(by Keith Jeffery and Anne Asserson)*

http://www.textrelease.com/gl14conference.html

As long-term attendees at GL conferences the conference followed the usual format. The location was CNR (Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche) Main Building in Rome where CNR has in the past kindly hosted euroCRIS-led meetings / workshops on CRIS-IR leading to the 'Rome Declaration'. The weather was cold and wet with thunderstorms – not ideal. The theme was "Tracking Innovation through Grey Literature" but few of the papers/presentations addressed the topic; the paper/presentation by the authors was 'Grey in the Innovation Process' and related CERIF - with the now incorporated MICE extensions - to the innovation process (with due acknowledgement to colleagues, especially Richard Gartner of KCL). A paper from Korea on Grey literature in nanotechnology innovation was the only other paper that addressed the conference topic directly. Most of the other papers could be classified as Innovation in the Grey Process.

The conference consisted mainly of presentations on grey literature experiences (building repositories with flat metadata). One example was from CVTI SR, Slovakia on e-dissertations and theses; CVTI SR is the institute of Danica Zendulková (euroCRIS Board member). Data as grey was a theme from the D4Science team who proposed live research objects (they meant data objects with workflow not animals!) and one paper in molecular biology with a separate poster concerning 'big data'. Surveys of how researchers share environmental data (Daniela Luzi and team) and how Grey literature influences decision makers (Bertrum MacDonald and team) were interesting. A paper by Joachim Schöpfel and Hélène Prost analysed repositories and databases. One presentation explained how to extend Fedora to handle more complexity than the Fedora structure allowed (a move towards needing CERIF?). Panagiotis Stathopoulos from Nikos Houssos' team presented their work on integrating a CERIF-CRIS with a repository.

Some light relief came from Emeritus Professor Paul Sturges who talked about the semantics of jokes. The conference dinner was at the (fortunately enclosed) rooftop restaurant of the Hotel Forum. The next year's conference will be held in Bratislava on the 2nd and 3rd of December and will be hosted by the Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information (CVTI SR).

CASRAI UK "chapter" meeting, 10 December 2012, London *(communication by Rosemary Russell)*

The inaugural meeting of the "UK chapter"(terminology may change!) of CASRAI took place on 10 December in London, convened by CASRAI and JISC. The idea is to develop a UK edition of the CASRAI dictionary, which will build on the existing dictionary to include additional lists required by UK research organisations. Some of these may be unique to UK needs but others could be adopted more widely in time. There will therefore be a common core dictionary, with extra layers to meet national needs. Some requirements will also be

discipline-specific.

The main aim of the meeting was to decide priority areas for the UK, working towards a first release of a UK edition in June 2013. For a detailed report, see the blog post http://isc.ukoln.ac.uk/2012/12/14/casrai-uk-chapter/

Spring Membership meeting, 13-14 May 2013, Bonn, Germany

As was already pre-announced in the last Newsflash, the Spring 2013 membership meeting will take place on the 13th and 14th of May in Bonn, Germany. The meeting will be hosted by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Council) in Bonn. The announcement is already on the euroCRIS website.

The meeting will have the usual structure of business meeting + CERIF tutorial, German session, Jostein Hauge session, a topic session, and TG meetings. At the organising committee's request the initially defined topic of Standardizing Indicators for Research has been changed into *"On the way to agreed national and international classification systems"*.

As soon as a timetable is available it will be added to the information. Registration will be done via the euroCRIS website. A registration announcement will be sent by euroCRIS to the members and by the organising committee to the German community.

For logistic reasons and in view of the wish to have structured discussions rather than unidirectional presentations the number of participants will be limited. You will be timely informed on the limit and the procedure and deadline for registration. Non-euroCRIS members will be invoiced 50 €, which includes a personal membership for the year 2013 (automatic expiry date 31 December 2013), with the offer to become regular members.

Updated information will be communicated through the mailing list and published in the next Newsflashes and on the euroCRIS website.

NEWS FROM COMMERCIAL MEMBERS

AVEDAS AG *(by Thorsten Höllrigl)*

CONVERIS 5 Release

AVEDAS will start the New Year with the release of CONVERIS 5 (C5). The main focus of the new release is to further simplify the management of research information throughout the complete research lifecycle. Therefore, numerous additional features as well as the improvement of many existing CONVERIS components are offered in the new version of CONVERIS. A fully reworked design, improved usability and a brand new interactive, multi-dimensional reporting and analysis module 'CONVERIS Analytics' are part of the enhancements in C5.

We would be pleased to show you CONVERIS 5 and its benefits in an online demo or personally on-site.

Hence, do not hesitate to contact us: Thorsten Höllrigl (t.hoellrigl@avedas.com), Product Director, or Martin Jägerhorn (m.jagerhorn@avedas.com), Chief Customer Officer

CONVERIS Analytics

The new reporting and analysis module 'CONVERIS Analytics (CA)' addresses the needs for an interactive and seamless generation of reports and research performance analyses. CA provides numerous possibilities to create reports via drag&drop, flexible reporting templates, pivot tables, multiple graphical presentation options as well as interactive dashboards that provide a quick overview of key management information. CA, like CONVERIS, is available on mobile devices and will be released together with C5 in the beginning of 2013.

AVEDAS & CWTS launch joint offering for Advanced Bibliometrics

AVEDAS is proud to announce its partnership with the CWTS: the Leiden-based Centre for Science and Technology Studies. The new AVEDAS & CWTS partnership combines both parties' complementary strengths: the CWTS is a world leader in bibliometrics and CONVERIS is unique in its flexible and comprehensive support along the complete research life cycle. When used together, the institution can benefit from advanced on-the-fly bibliometric reports across all levels of the organization. The joint module will be launched in Q2, 2013.

This collaboration is the first example of several future co-developments between AVEDAS and other leading suppliers in areas along the research life cycle, explains Martin Jägerhorn, CCO at AVEDAS. To join forces with the strongest possible partner in specific fields leverages the benefits of CONVERIS to ensure our clients get the best-of-bread overall solution for their research management needs.

Leiden University chooses CONVERIS

AVEDAS is pleased to announce that Leiden University, after an in-depth evaluation, has chosen CONVERIS as the optimal solution for the management of their research information. Leiden University will implement CONVERIS in a first phase focusing on publications management, including a complete migration from the previous METIS system and integrations with their DSpace repository, HR-system, website and Active Directory, with a view to extend the use along the complete research lifecycle in later phases. Leiden University is the oldest university in the Netherlands and one of Europe's foremost research universities. They have seven faculties in the fields of Archaeology, Humanities, Medicine, Law, Social and Behavioural Sciences, and Science, and they have appointed six profile themes for research carried out within the university. These themes, all areas in which their researchers excel, transcend the traditional boundaries between disciplines and faculties. They offer opportunities for top-level fundamental research whilst at the same time reflecting key societal and global concerns of the 21st century. Stéfan Ellenbroek, AVEDAS Country Manager for the Netherlands, explains that "in pace with the increasing number of Dutch institutions that are now seeking to replace their existing systems, AVEDAS native Dutch team based in the Netherlands is rapidly growing to meet the demand and ensure a close collaboration not only between AVEDAS and the research institutions, but also between the institutions implementing CONVERIS." In line with this development, a Dutch-speaking CONVERIS User Group will be established in 2013.

Happy Holiday Season

This has been the busiest year in AVEDAS history, with many new clients in many countries, a new branch office in the Netherlands, a new major release of CONVERIS and now moving into a new and bigger office in Karlsruhe. December is hence passing more rapidly than ever and amidst the hassle of everyone's end-of-year reports, final meetings and last-minute shopping, we would like to thank the euroCRIS community for all the positivity,

productive collaboration and camaraderie that we have experienced at all the meetings. The AVEDAS staff wish you a very happy holiday season and our best wishes for a successful new year 2013!

For your diaries

Date	Event	Where
20130114-16	**8th International Digital Curation Conference "Infrastructure, Intelligence, Innovation: driving the Data Science agenda** http://www.dcc.ac.uk/events/idcc13	Amsterdam
20130204-05	**CERIF TG meeting**	Braga
20130206-08	**OpenAIRE*plus* Interoperability Workshop** (representation by euroCRIS Board) http://openaccess.sdum.uminho.pt/?page_id=1217	Braga
20130513-14	**euroCRIS Spring 2013 Membership Meeting**	Bonn
20130715-19	**14th International Society of Scientometrics and Informetrics Conference (ISSI 2013)** http://www.issi2013.org/	Vienna
20130925-27	**World e-ID Congress** http://www.worlde-idcongress.com/	Nice
20131202-03	**15th International Conference on Grey Literature "The Grey Audit: A Field Assessment of Grey Literature"** http://www.greynet.org	Bratislava

euroCRIS wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year