STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY’S ORCID INTEGRATION: THE HIGHS AND THE LOWS

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THE STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY INTEGRATION: WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

- A cooperative project between the Stellenbosch University (SU) Library and Information Service and the SU Information Technology Division
- The technical implementation was mediated by the IT Division
- Ownership rests with the Library, under the Manager: Research Impact Services
- The first integration was implemented during March 2016
- Create/Connect ORCID records with clients’ Stellenbosch University identity
- This was the first step to store access tokens for future integrations
- No other integrations available yet
THE NUMBERS

- How many clients have an ORCID iD (Dec. 2020, created with sun.ac.za e-mail address)? **4240**
- How many clients have connected their ORCID IDs with the Stellenbosch University integration? **1936**
THE NUMBERS

- Total of 1936 clients connected their ID’s to the SU integration
- Which faculties?
- Which client categories?
ORCID IDs created in South Africa per university and research institution (data provided by TENET and the ORCID South Africa Consortium), as of August 2019.
THE NUMBERS IN SOUTH AFRICA (2020)

ORCID IDs created in South Africa per university and research institution (data provided by TENET and the ORCID South Africa Consortium), as of October 2020.
SPREADING THE WORD

- Information sheet
- Library guide
- Library Research News blog
- Faculty librarians one-on-one
- Division Research Development newsletter
- 2019 and 2020 marketing drives
  - Distributed names of staff and students who already connected to integration to Faculty Librarians (FB’s)
  - SU Infographic embedded in direct e-mail communication to staff and students, distributed by FB’s (2019)
  - Social media: Facebook, Twitter, Blog
LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE

- **Open Journal System (OJS):** Version 3 has an ORCID plugin. SU is hosting 26 journals at the moment. Some of them require an ORCID iD with submission.

- **DSpace:** SU institutional repository, SUNScholar. Version 7 includes a “tighter integration with external identifier systems (e.g. ORCID)”, but we have not upgraded yet.

- **Figshare:** SUNScholarData. Our institutional research data repository launched in August 2019. Figshare is fully integrated with ORCID.

- **SUNStudent:** It is possible to mandate the inclusion of ORCID iDs when clients set up their profiles for thesis and dissertation submission. This will be considered for adoption in the new system during its implementation lifecycle.
CHALLENGES…

- Why is it difficult to promote our integration? No integration with any system yet…
- Stellenbosch University doesn’t have a current research information system (CRIS) e.g. Converis/Pure; they are fully integrated with ORCID and enhances ORCID adoption
- Staff time, including Campus IT
- Communication across campus - all faculties/support services need to know about the integration and how to refer clients accordingly
- Change marketing strategies often (fresh approach)
- Closing the gap between registered ORCID iDs and those who connected their iDs to SU integration