

## New Zealand ORCID Advisory Committee Meeting #13

### Minutes

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2pm-4pm - via Teams

#### Invited Attendees:

Committee	Secretariat	Guests
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Marie Bradley (Chair, AgResearch)</li><li>• Giselle Byrnes (Massey University)</li><li>• Mike Wall (University of Otago, CONZUL)</li><li>• Alex Martin (MRINZ)</li><li>• Nick Shortt (MRINZ)</li><li>• Richard Waldin (Scion)</li><li>• Lesley Brook (Otago Polytechnic)</li><li>• Esther Viljoen (HRC)</li><li>• Angela Hannah (MBIE)</li><li>• Katharina Ruckstuhl (University of Otago)</li><li>• Marina Dzhelali (CCDHB)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alex Freemantle (Royal Society Te Apārangi)</li><li>• Abby Cuttriss (Royal Society Te Apārangi)</li><li>• Ashleigh Hume (Royal Society Te Apārangi)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Roger Ridley (Royal Society Te Apārangi)</li></ul>

**Apologies:** Giselle Byrnes, Richard Waldin, Marina Dzhelali, Mike Wall

#### Minutes:

##### *1. Welcome New Committee Members and Thank You*

We welcomed new members Mike Wall and Alex Martin. And thank Nick Shortt for his contributions on Advisory Committee.

##### *2. ORCID Inc Board Application*

Dr Maui Hudson from The University of Waikato has applied to join the ORCID global Board as the New Zealand representative. Maui is an interdisciplinary researcher and currently holds a position as the Director of the Te Kotahi Research Institute and has worked on Māori and indigenous data sovereignty both in New Zealand and globally. Royal Society Te Apārangi, as the consortium lead organisation, submitted a letter of support for his application.

##### *3. Committee Membership Structure*

CCDHB – Capital and Coast District Health Board, CONZUL – Council of New Zealand University, Librarians, GDPR – General Data Protection Regulation, HRC – Health Research Council of New Zealand, IRANZ – Independent Research Association of New Zealand, ITPs – Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics, MBIE – Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, MRINZ – Medical Research institute of New Zealand, NZRIS – New Zealand Research Information System

Our Terms of Reference, which were amended in March, states that there is a maximum of 10 committee members. Our two new members and Maui (who will join if he is successful in his application to the global Board) takes us to 11 members. It was noted that we may also want a member from the Pacific consortium in future. The easiest solution is to get rid of the maximum or change the wording. It was noted that membership should be fluid as we get more interest from outside groups. It was decided that any mention of a maximum number of committee members would be removed.

It was noted that the Board was set up to act on a more technical level, however it has now moved away from this to strategic engagement. Therefore, it may be pertinent to revisit what skills are needed from committee members.

#### *4. Update from Royal Society Te Apārangi*

##### *a. [ORCID in New Zealand update](#)*

We have a new member in the consortium, the Foundation for Equity and Research New Zealand (FERNZ) which brings the total members up to 54. The purpose of FERNZ is to research inequalities in New Zealand. They originally approached us after seeing some information online. It was noted that we can use this as a case study when reaching out to similar organisations.

Approximately 91% of publicly funded researchers now have ORCID IDs. The University of Otago and AUT are both working on ORCID integration. ORCID have changed their certified service provider criteria and we are going to be certified to new criteria starting next week.

MBIE has stated that Pacific-based organisations are able to join the New Zealand consortium.

##### *b. [Feedback from ORCID Consortia Global Workshop and ORCID Inc visit.](#)*

Alex attended the ORCID Consortia Global Workshop in March in Gothenburg, Sweden, and learned about how countries such as the Czech Republic and Ukraine are building new consortia and their best practices. We presented the successful integration of the Prime Minister's Science Prize, which was well received.

There were discussions regarding branching out beyond journal impact into artistic outputs. Abby and Alex met with CRI group about Māori impacts such as hui and hikois and talked about integrating that. There are fields that could capture non-standard activities, which could have a broader implication in the indigenous area.

RSNZ had a visit from ORCID Inc's Brian Minihan. Yvette Wharton from Auckland University is looking to develop a persistent identifier strategy for Auckland; this is in early stages.

We met with Angela and the NZRIS team to discuss how ORCID can lend support. We also met with Lesley to discuss the Te Pūkenga merger; how we can approach this and how their ORCID memberships can be used.

We organised an online Q&A event with Brian which had about 27 attendees which was recorded and sent out with the newsletter. Many attendees asked for more events like this.

We sent out a summary of our meeting with MBIE on 18 May. It was received very positively and culminated in MBIW suggesting that they would extend the work programme agreement or sign a five-year one.

a. [Discussions with MBIE](#)

There was a meeting with MBIE as the ORCID fee structure will change in October 2024 to be per organisation rather than a fixed annual fee. Because of the mergers, our New Zealand ORCID fees will be reduced and so we will have some surplus money that we can send on getting new members in New Zealand or the Pacific. This surplus will help cover smaller, independent organisations. There was a query about how we future-proof this so we can be more active at reaching out to smaller organisations without worrying about funding; it would be good to have something in place so we have more flexibility around this. It was noted that we should look at this when we sign the new agreement.

5. *An ORCID Pacific Regional Consortium*

We have identified four Pacific universities in Fiji and Samoa: University of the South Pacific, University of Fiji, Fiji National University, and National University of Samoa. These were part of the first round of invites. If they are all to accept, this would leave us with enough funding for three or four more organisations. One caveat is that the Ministry of Health has expressed interest in ORCID, which would qualify as a standard organisation. It was noted that we need to think about the activity of our members; for example, the Ministry of Education is big but inactive, so if Ministry of Health have the same amount of activity it may be a wasted membership. There was a suggestion that we test the government agencies to see how research active they are.

It was noted that the Department of Conservation may also be interested in ORCID. It was suggested that we expect the big agencies to fund themselves and the MBIE money to bring in others. It was noted that we approached MBIE to ask if their funding could be used for Pacific organisations and they said yes, however we have not spoken to MFAT about this.

There was a discussion about which type of Pacific organisations might be interested in ORCID. This highlights the need for a Pacific representative on the committee. We have spoken to Universities New Zealand's International Growth Manager, Sheree Moanaroa, who has connections with people working on Pacific projects; these might be the people to approach. We will need to discuss this with the Royal Society Council.

6. *Summary of the 2023 Annual MBIE Work Programme Report*

The annual report for the Work Programme Agreement has been written and is awaiting financial information from RSNZ to send to MBIE by 31 August. It covers our two new members and integrations. We are trying to support the University of Otago, Auckland University of Technology, and any others who have complex integrations.

It was noted that we have had consistent Hub usage and have had 212 visitors to the website this month.

There were some KPIs that were never met: the Advisory Committee only met once; no “town hall” (although we did have an end-user survey). It was noted that Advisory Committee meetings should be driven by the value we get out of them, rather than KPIs.

Right now, our priority is to improve activity, support the mergers that are ongoing, and introduce Pacific organisations to the consortium.

### *7. End User Survey Feedback*

We sent out the end user survey and had only 13 responses from our main and technical contacts across our 54 members. The responses were largely positive, most appreciated the Hub and saw it as a key aspect of their membership. It may be good to make the interface more user-friendly and give some information on how it works. There was some frustration around institutional management not providing time or staff for their ORCID memberships.

It was suggested that we use Otago and AUT as case studies to drive investment into integrations. Alex met with Universities New Zealand to raise the profile of ORCID. This was a positive meeting which opened up the opportunity to meet with research office representatives and create some cross-institution discussions.

It was noted that we should contact some of the more inactive organisations and those that did not respond to the survey.

### *8. Mergers Update (Te Pūkenga and Te Whatu Ora)*

Te Pūkenga has been delayed due to a lot of feedback and deciding on the final structure. A decision should not be expected this month. It was noted that research offices are not included as those restructures will come later. We will need to appoint new staff before moving existing staff into the restructure. As far as technology is concerned, it's business as usual but one of the differences is that delegation authorities have changed so we now need regional approval for digital purchases instead of buying site licenses. We are still waiting to see what the final shape will be. We have until October 2024 to decide how many members we will need; Lesley can update in the new year.

Memberships for six District Health Boards will be under one membership moving forward: Te Whatu Ora. This decision will better suit the organisational structure of Te Whatu Ora as they transition through the merger. The merger of these six DHBs will also free up some of the surplus membership fees down the line. Robyn Whittaker will be the contact for this merger. It was noted that since Auckland DHB was the most active, this will be the main account and the others will merge into it; so it will keep its credentials but be called Te Whatu Ora.

### *9. Any Other Business*

NZ RIS is still working through options for progressing the work programme. We thought we had a working system but this is not the case, so we are taking some time to work through this and investigating what needs to be done to fix the system.

RSNZ is looking to take stock of demographic data and we will be sending out a survey to our members. This will be completely optional.

#### *10. Next Meeting Dates*

Any changes to WPA need to be made three months before signing, so end of February/early March would be ideal for the next meeting.

#### **Actions**

- discuss potential Pacific organisations and representation with the Royal Society Council
- create a more scoped-out plan for the Pacific
- talk with Ministry of Education about their inactivity and encourage ORCID use
- send out MBIE report summary to Committee
- improve documentation around the Hub and circulate this to members