



# NZ ORCID Consortium newsletter #6

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## Happy 1<sup>st</sup> birthday to the New Zealand ORCID Consortium



A year ago today, on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016, we launched the New Zealand ORCID consortium. The time has passed so quickly it's hard to believe that a whole year has passed by. Together, we've achieved a lot in that time, and we're particularly pleased with the development of the NZ ORCID Hub.

Here is a summary of our main highlights for the year:

- Membership has grown from 34 to 47 members. A big welcome to our newest member, Otago Polytechnic.
- The number of ORCID iD's claimed and associated with .nz email addresses exceeded 10,000 in July, and now stands at 10,931.
- The NZ ORCID Hub was launched at the end of June, allowing students and staff at Tuakiri member organisations to write affiliations to the education and/or employment sections of their ORCID records. As of today, we have ten organisations onboard the Hub, with 125 affiliations written.
- Events we've attended/presentations we've given on ORCID:–
  - Presentation to Open Polytechnic staff
  - Presentation to ITP Research directors/managers
  - Joint booth hosted with Australian consortium lead and Research Activity Identifier (RAID) to promote the Hub at THETA in May (The Higher Education Technology Agenda conference)

- Consortium meeting at ARMS 2017, jointly with the Australian Access Federation, the Australian consortium lead. Thanks to Emma Richardson from The University of Auckland, and Katie Wilson and Matt Plummer from Victoria University of Wellington for presentations on their experience with ORCID at those institutions. Thanks also to our facilitator on the day, jeff kennedy from The University of Auckland – yes, his name is all lower case :). Thanks to our excellent panel members, Laure Haak (ORCID) and Elleina Filippi (Australian Access Federation). Slides from the meeting are available in the [consortium resources](#) section of our website.

## **The NZ ORCID Hub is now open for business to our non-Tuakiri member organisations**



We are delighted to announce that the non-Tuakiri workflow for the Hub has now been tested and has undergone a thorough security check. The new Hub features are:

- **Non-Tuakiri members can now use the Hub to write affiliations for their staff and students.**
- **The Hub has a new-look log-in so that the non-Tuakiri technical contacts can use it by logging in with ORCID.**
- **We have a new, cleaner look and an FAQ list. If anything on this list is unclear or missing, please do let us know**

We ask that all consortium members go through the test Hub and demonstrate that they are able to onboard their organisation to the Hub and write at least one affiliation to a test (sandbox) ORCID account. Once this has happened, members can request an invitation to go through the process in the production (real) Hub. If

you're unsure what this entails, please see the user guide to testing for non-Tuakiri organisations on the [Hub resources page of our website](#).

When you are ready to either test or go into the production Hub send us an email at [orcid@royalsociety.org.nz](mailto:orcid@royalsociety.org.nz) . We will send you an invitation link to get the ball rolling for your organisation.

Remember that if you're interested in having the invitation email that the Hub sends to your staff/students branded with your own organisation's look and feel, please contact us about testing this.

## Looking ahead at ORCID in New Zealand



Now that the New Zealand ORCID consortium has been on the go for a year it's appropriate to plan our future activities, particularly with regards to the Hub. Our next major Hub milestone is to be able to write funding information to users' ORCID records.

We would love more of you who are technically minded to join our Hub's technical advisory group. Please contact us if you are interested in helping to steer the development of the Hub in directions that work for all consortium members. Those of you have been coming along fairly regularly to the fortnightly demos have a good idea of our Agile project approach and have met (virtually) our development team at the University of Auckland.

We use a JIRA board to track issues and members of the technical advisory group are able to write to the board, vote and comment on current issues.

If you're not comfortable in the JIRA environment, remember that you can post comments to our NZ ORCID community [Google Group](#).

## **Your organisational ORCID communications strategy**

To encourage uptake of ORCID at your organisation you will need a communications strategy and plan. Hopefully, you have an ORCID steering group at your organisation, or, if not, at least a group of people who are interested in ORCID would like to encourage its use.

ORCID's website has a large collection of [branded resources](#) that you are encouraged to use, including sample promotional text.

Some organisations overseas and in NZ have found that holding an ORCID sign-up event with swag such as ORCID pens, mugs, T-shirts, drink-bottles etc. has been a good initial step. You will also need other ways of reaching out to your users, to capture those who don't engage in any one-off activities. It's important that staff and students see the benefit of ORCID to them and that it's not just yet another academic profile site – which it is not.

If you need help in putting together a communications plan, let us know. We can work with you to tailor a plan that is specific to your organisation.

## **Encouraging use of the NZ ORCID Hub**

Although your staff/students may already be aware of what ORCID is and have signed up to get an iD, they may not be aware of what the NZ ORCID Hub is or why they should use it.

Currently, the Hub is able to write institutional affiliations to either the education or the employment section of a user's ORCID record. Users should be aware that having their organisation write this information to their ORCID records is more trustworthy than if they write it themselves. This is because it can be very difficult to verify the information that an individual writes to their own ORCID record about their education and employment history.

## **Your news here**

Our aim is to create a New Zealand ORCID consortium community of practice.

As always, we encourage you to share information on the consortium's [Google Group](#). If there is anything specific at your organisation that prevents you accessing this, let us know.

**Thanks to University of Waikato and MBIE for some valuable questions and information shared with the consortium via the Google Group:**

- What happens if an employee grants permission to the Hub to write to their ORCID and later revokes it, and then leaves the organisation. How would an employment end date be written?
- How does an organisation assign an administrator role for the Hub, i.e. someone other than the technical contact?
- MBIE is on track to be the first New Zealand funder to have integrated its grants funding system with ORCID. MBIE has begun the technical integration work and expect to have a working model in user acceptance testing by November. Subject to testing this could mean MBIE is in a position to have this functionality available to applicants in the New Year. The initial integration will allow applicants to use the ORCID API to connect their ORCID iD with the grants management system (IMS) or create an ORCID iD if they don't already have one.

Often the researcher is not the person filling in the application form so we have designed a work flow that will allow the administrator to send an email notification to project team members with a link to connect their ORCID iD or create and connect an iD.

Subsequent developments will look at the push and pull of information to and from IMS and the ORCID registry.

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