

JISC ADVANCE ACCESS MANAGEMENT FOCUS
Monthly Report: February 2011

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Welcome to the fifth monthly report from the JISC Advance Access Management Focus. Whilst primarily intended as a management report to update stakeholders on the activities of the Access Management Focus, these reports will be made publicly available for general interest. If you have any questions or queries please contact Nicole Harris (nicole.harris@jiscadvance.ac.uk).

■ **Watching Brief:**

The UK Access Management Focus is currently maintaining a watching brief in the following areas:

- **eduGAIN.** (www.edugain.org)
The eduGAIN policy is currently awaiting approval and no significant developments will be seen until this documentation is signed-off by the NREN PC at TERENA. I have been in conversation with the eduGAIN project managers about producing user friendly documentation to help Service Providers better understand how to make use of eduGAIN and interederation and my recommendations have been taken on board. I will be supporting the project in talking to publishers.
- **Kantara ULX / eduID work.** (<https://refeds.terena.org/images/d/dc/Discover-project.doc>)
Discussions have taken place with Eduserv to discuss using the OpenAthens SP as a place to promote the preferred discovery design for Service Providers and to develop a consistent message.
- **Federation Lab.** (<https://fed-lab.org/>)
The Federation Lab has formally launched as a Beta site and is seeking input from early testers. An interesting video of the toolkit can be found here:
https://refeds.terena.org/index.php/Barriers_for_Service_Providers.
- **Attributes work. Levels of Assurance.**
There is no further progress to report in this area this month.

■ Reviewing:

The REFEDS website has been completed during February and is currently being proofed and link-checked. It has been issued to REFEDS participants for review and a press release will be sent out mid-March. The JISC Comms team has been asked to promote the site, linking to the origins of REFEDS in the JISC 'Cotswolds meeting'.

A major work item during February has been the 'Barriers for Service Providers' documentation as a REFEDS deliverable. This can be found online:

https://refeds.terena.org/index.php/Barriers_for_Service_Providers. The recommendations in the report will be presented at the REFEDS meeting in May for consideration in the workplan for 2011/12 AY.

■ Documentation:

- Text for REFEDS Website.
- UK Access Management Focus Work Plan: <http://access.jiscinvolve.org/wp/files/2007/10/plan.xls>.
- PEER Project Plan: <https://spaces.internet2.edu/display/PEER/Home>.
- Minutes of PEER meeting: <https://spaces.internet2.edu/display/PEER/Minutes+-+140211>.
- Minutes for the Shibboleth Consortium meetings (x2).
- Barriers for Service Providers documentation:
https://refeds.terena.org/index.php/Barriers_for_Service_Providers.

All of these documents are available from Nicole Harris on request where a link has not been given above.

■ Meetings:

The Access Management Focus attended and presented at the following meetings:

- 8 – 9 February 2011, Advisory Services Managers meeting in Leeds.
- 14 -16 February 2011, TF-EMC2 and PEER project meeting: <http://www.terena.org/activities/tf-emc2/meetings/17/>.

- 17 February 2011, online briefing for RSC Technical staff on RAPTOR.
- 18 February 2011, online briefing for JISC Advance staff.

■ **Blog Posts:**

The following posts have appeared on the Access Management Focus blog:

- 1 February 2011, Barriers for Service Providers: <http://access.jiscinvolve.org/wp/barriers-for-service-providers/>.
- 8 February 2011, Access, Denied!: <http://access.jiscinvolve.org/wp/access-denied/>.
- 28 February 2011, Work Smarter, Not Harder: <http://access.jiscinvolve.org/wp/work-smarter-not-harder/>.