

JISC ADVANCE ACCESS MANAGEMENT FOCUS

Monthly Report: October 2010

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Welcome to the second 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:

- Kantara ULX. The Kantara ULX group is working to improve the access management for users across the Board, without a specific focus on technology. Their aims are ambitious, as the proposed approach will significantly affect website design, process and flow. The work of the group is very closely aligned with the TERENA 'eduID' work and with the improvements to the Shibboleth Discovery Service. It is likely that these three groups will work together to achieve the outcomes from the Curtis & Cartwright Business Case report. The ULX group can be found at: <http://kantarainitiative.org/confluence/display/ulx>.
- Federation Lab. Federation Lab is part of wider Geant3 Identity Federations initiative, in the same strand as eduGAIN. Its aim is to fill a gap that currently exists by creating a sensible home for tools associated with federations, but not necessarily part of the core infrastructure. The focus for the first tranche is testing support for Service Providers. More information is available here: <https://www.fed-lab.org/>.
- Attributes work. The UK has had an ambition for some time to improve the usage of attributes by institutions. At FAM10, it was decided that two JISC Collections examples would be used as pilots to test our ability to encourage institutions to adopt specific attributes. Institutions will be asked to populate 'library staff' and an eduPerson Entitlement for 'JISC Collections Reps' as part of this pilot.

■ Reviewing:

The majority of reviewing time this month has been given over to the very lengthy eduID Business Case report from Curtis & Cartwright. This was discussed at some length at REFEDS in Atlanta (see November report for more information) and a way forward has been agreed for the eduID concept, working in partnership with Kantara. A proposal for this work will be drawn up during November.

The UK Access Management Focus also contributed to a JISC document on use of social media.

■ Documentation:

The Access Management Focus produced the following documents in October:

- Shibboleth Consortium Plan versions 5 and 6.
- Outline for Shibboleth Consortium SCC5 Workpackage (establishing a new organizational structure for Shibboleth).
- Minutes of the Shibboleth Consortium, 21st October 2010.
- Draft Budget for the Shibboleth Consortium.
- Initial Design for REFEDS website.
- Why PEER?

All of these documents are available from Nicole Harris on request, or ask for a Huddle Account.

■ Meetings:

The Access Management Focus attended the following meetings:

- FAM10: <https://sites.google.com/site/jiscfam10/>. Another very successful FAM event, with some helpful outcomes in terms of addressing attribute usage in the UK (see above).
- RAPTOR Board Meeting.
- Internet Identity World: <http://www.internetidentityworkshop.com/iiv-europe-london-october-11th/>.

- SDSS Team Visit.

■ **Blog Posts:**

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

1. The Open Agenda: Where's the Source?: <http://access.jiscinvolve.org/wp/the-open-agenda-wheres-the-source/>.
2. 57 Varieties: <http://access.jiscinvolve.org/wp/57-varieties/>.