

JISC ADVANCE ACCESS MANAGEMENT FOCUS

Monthly Report: December / January 2010

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Welcome to the fourth monthly report from the JISC Advance Access Management Focus. This is a combined report for December and January as much of December was taken as leave. 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.** There is no further progress to report in this area. An update on eduGain is expected at the TF-EMC2 meeting in Lyon (14th February 2011) so a more detailed update will be given in February.
- **Kantara ULX / eduID work.** The TERENA Discover Project has received broad support from the REFEDS community and will now be referred to the REFEDS sponsors for funding decisions. SurfNET has suggested that they will be willing to front some funding for the project, and a small amount of core REFEDS funds can be donated to the project. It is likely that further external funds will be required to achieve the project aims. For more information see: <https://refeds.terena.org/images/d/dc/Discover-project.doc>.
- **Federation Lab.** There are no updates to report on this project. For further information please see the project website at: <https://fed-lab.org/>.
- **Attributes work.** The JISC Collections website will shortly be launched, trialing the new attributes defined for JISC Collections representatives and library staff. If this is successful, SCONUL will be approached with the possibility of federating their 'SCONUL Stats' web submission process and using the new attributes.
- **Levels of Assurance.** A REFEDS working group in this area will be established in February 2011. Chris Brown from the JISC Executive has agreed to participate in this group.

■ **Reviewing:**

The UK Access Management Focus was involved in drafting and commenting on a paper on Interfederation for the UK federation Policy and Advisory Board as part of the work of the UK federation TAG.

The Focus also participated in testing of the initial web interface for the RAPTOR project and made several suggestions for amendments and improvements which have been observed by the project.

The UK Access Management Focus has taken on the role of PEER project manager as part of her role in supporting REFEDS.

■ **Documentation:**

The Access Management Focus produced the following documents in November / December:

- Shibboleth Consortium Plan version 8 - stable.
- Final roles and responsibilities document for the Shibboleth Consortium.
- Website content for REFEDS.
- Questionnaire to be issued to Shibboleth stakeholders (to be sent to the UK federation Board).
- Outreach plan for the Shibboleth Consortium.
- Peer project plan – first draft.

All of these documents are available from Nicole Harris on request.

■ **Meetings:**

The Access Management Focus attended the following meetings:

- JIBS meeting, 2nd December 2010 in York. This was used as an opportunity to talk about requirements for attributes in relation to licensing and to promote the 'RAPTOR' project work.
- JISC Advance Shared Services Meeting, 14th January 2011 in Birmingham.
- UK federation Policy and Advisory Board, 25th January 2011 in London.

- REFEDS staff meeting, 26th January 2011 in Amsterdam.

■ **Blog Posts:**

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

- 13th December 2010, Something is Dead, Long Live Something or Other: <http://access.jiscinvolve.org/wp/something-is-dead-long-live-something-or-other/>.
- 19th January 2011, Pimp My DS (It's going to catch on): <http://access.jiscinvolve.org/wp/pimp-my-ds-its-going-to-catch-on/>.
- 19th January 2011, Give Me Some of that Good Stuff: <http://access.jiscinvolve.org/wp/give-me-some-of-that-good-stuff/>.