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Subject: The new University Research Information System – Pure

Research is central to the University of Bristol's mission, yet there is no single IT system in the University that provides support to the research community, and visibility of its activities. To address this, the University has decided to implement a Research Information System and has selected Pure (<http://atira.dk/en/pure/>) to do so. Pure is successfully in use at a number of peer UK Universities. The new system will serve a number of purposes:

- Pure will provide staff with the opportunity to view and manage information about their own research activity within a single system. The system will take feeds of the research data currently held in our existing University systems (e.g. about research grants and research students), in addition to providing the opportunity for recording some details that these systems do not currently capture (e.g. research groupings, measures of esteem)
- Pure incorporates a publications management system which will automate the harvesting of publications from online sources such as Web of Science, PubMed and arXiv. It will also contain functionality for manual publications entry and the deposition and dissemination of full text outputs. The new system will replace the current University publication management systems IRIS and ROSE, and the improvements that Pure offers in this area should save significant staff time and effort. All information currently held in IRIS and ROSE will be transferred to Pure
- Academic staff will be able to use Pure to showcase their research work, for example through the automated production of CVs and by external web views of aspects of information held on the system
- Pure will act as the IT system for preparing the University's REF 2014 return, including the second mock REF exercise in autumn 2012. All information currently held in the interim REF tool used for the first mock REF exercise will be transferred to Pure.

We envisage that the system will be available to be used from August 2012. The system is user-friendly and intuitive, and dedicated support will be provided and a series of briefing and training sessions will be held and comprehensive user guides produced.

Further information about the project and the system is available on

<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/red/research-policy/pure/index.html>

We will keep you updated on progress of the project but for more information the project team can be contacted at pure-support@bristol.ac.uk

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